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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reliably reported that one ARNAUTOV listed as present at 3 executive meetings of ARI during 1953 and 1954. ARI cited by US Attorney General. Subject's car reliably reported parked vicinity of CRC sponsored event on 4/4/54. CRC cited by US Attorney General. Subject attended CP meeting 6/23 and 7/6/54, according to reliable informant. Subject reliably reported head of Graphic Arts Workshop, affiliate of CLS. CLS cited by US Attorney General. Graphic Arts Workshop social at subject's home 6/6/54. Reliable informants reported subject attended RAS events during June and Aug., 1954. RAS cited by US Attorney General. Subject reliably reported to have contacted Soviet Embassy officials on 7/8 and 9/54. Subject also reliably reported to have attended International Women's Day meeting 3/20/54 and to have painted portrait of GERTRUDE WARWICK, alleged CP charter member. Subject and wife reliably reported to begin vacation 8/16/54 at Oakdale, Calif.

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DETAILS:

A. CONNECTION WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE US ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

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1. American Russian Institute (ARI)

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1, of known reliability, made available the proceedings of three executive committee meetings of the ARI. One ARNAUTOV was listed as present at meetings on October 13 and 17, 1953, and on January 12, 1954.

2. Civil Rights Congress (CRC) Calif.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-2, of known reliability, made available a leaflet advertising a dinner and talk sponsored by the CRC to be held on April 4, 1954, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at 1844 Palou Street, San Francisco.

SF T-3, of known reliability, reported that an automobile with 1954 California license 7B44503 was parked in the immediate vicinity of 1844 Palou Street, San Francisco, at sometime during the period 4:00 to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1954. On April 23, 1954, it was ascertained through the records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles that the above license was registered to the subject.

3. Communist Party of San Francisco, "The Eleven" Branch

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-4, of known reliability, reported that the subject was among those present at a meeting of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP at 411 Pierce Street, San Francisco, on June 23, 1954.

The above informant also reported that the subject was present at a meeting of the above CP Branch on July 6, 1954, at 586 44th Avenue, San Francisco.

4. Graphic Arts Workshop

SF T-5, of known reliability, stated that the subject heads the Graphic Arts Workshop, a California Labor School (CLS) affiliate, which has working area in the rear of the hall at 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

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The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-6, of known reliability, furnished a CLS leaflet which listed the subject as one of the instructors for the summer term classes of the Graphic Arts Workshop.

SF T-7, of known reliability, disclosed on June 1, 1954, that a social sponsored by the Graphic Arts Workshop was to be held at the subject's home, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, on June 6, 1954.

SF T-8, of known reliability, reported that the following 1954 California license plates appeared on automobiles observed to be parked in the immediate vicinity of the subject's home on the evening of June 6, 1954:

1A76508
1D26795
1F84604
6B86007

The above plates were ascertained through records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles to be registered to the following individuals respectively:

Mrs. AURORA DAWSON
536 Duncan Street, San Francisco Calif
FRANK A. ROWE
884 Alabama Street, San Francisco Calif
RICHARD CORRELL
256 Third Avenue, San Francisco Calif
SUSAN H. PETERS
1270 Waller Street, San Francisco Calif

SF T-9, of known reliability, reported that exhibits ascribed to subject, RALPH DAWSON, FRANK A. ROWE and R. CORRELL appeared in the space allotted to the Graphic Arts Workshop at the San Francisco Art Festival at Union Square, San Francisco, on September 27, 1953. Calif

SF T-10, of known reliability, reported that one SUE PETERS and subject were present at a meeting of the Graphic Arts Workshop on March 28, 1953, at 1932 Cabrillo Street, San Francisco. Calif

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5. Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS)

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-13, of known reliability, reported that the subject attended the RAS picnic held May 30, 1954 at Gavriloff's Ranch, Petaluma, California, at which he made a speech stating that the RAS stood for peace and its members were good Americans.

SF T-4 reported that subject was present at an RAS meeting June 4, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

The above informant also reported that subject was present at an RAS meeting June 11, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, at which time subject restated the RAS position regarding interviews with F.B.I. agents in that individuals approached should be polite, but refuse to discuss any matters unless in the presence of an attorney.

SF T-13 also disclosed that subject was present at the RAS meeting June 11, 1954 at 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco.

SF T-4 reported the subject was present at an RAS meeting June 25, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

The same informant noted that the subject was present at the 13th anniversary banquet of the RAS on June 26, 1954, at 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco. At this banquet the subject made a speech in which he stated that the purpose of the RAS was to fight for peace and a better future for the people of the United States and the world. The specific purpose was to fight Russian Fascists who were expelled from Russia and are now welcomed by the present administration. These individuals are to be exposed as traitors.

The same informant reported that the subject was present at an RAS meeting July 2, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

The subject was also reported by above informant to be present at an RAS meeting July 23, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, at which he announced that the Post Office Department was destroying books and magazines from the Soviet Union and, therefore, the RAS was not receiving these items. It was decided that the subject should get in touch with other progressive organizations, who had the same trouble, for the purpose of sending a joint protest to the Post Office Department, the United States Attorney General and Congressmen.

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B. ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS

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On July 8, 1954, SF T-11 disclosed that the subject entered the ARI at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, at approximately 10:10 AM on July 8, 1954. The ARI has been described above. Subject departed from the ARI at 12:30 PM the same date with VLADIMIR GERASIMOVICH DUDENKOV and VIKTOR M. ZEGAL and they proceeded in the subject's car to Fishermen's Wharf where they had lunch. At approximately 3:25 PM the three proceeded in the subject's car to the Cliff House at Point Lobos, San Francisco. SF T-11 reported that after a short stay at the Cliff House, the subject, DUDENKOV and ZEGAL returned to the Plaza Hotel by way of the DeYoung Museum.

On July 9, 1954, SF T-11 reported that at 5:55 PM of that date subject picked up DUDENKOV and ZEGAL in front of the Plaza Hotel and drove them to subject's home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, and remained there until 11:00 PM.

SF T-12, of known reliability, disclosed that HOLLAND D. ROBERTS of the ARI contacted VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and inquired if anyone had given him any messages for ROBERTS. ARNAUTOFF replied that it was indefinite as it was not decided if they were going or not. ROBERTS thought it no use waiting any longer in that case and said he actually would wait awhile longer, but then would have to leave. ROBERTS and ARNAUTOFF agreed to meet the following Tuesday. ARNAUTOFF commented he had "tails" around here. ROBERTS said he had them too but that they mean nothing in his life anymore.

HOLLAND D. ROBERTS as of April 16, 1954, was one of the two officers of the ARI in San Francisco, according to SF T-12. Current (summer 1954) bulletins of the CLS list ROBERTS as Director of that institution.

The significance of the above contact is not known nor if it had reference to the visit of DUDENKOV and ZEGAL.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

166 Membership in Art Associations

SF T-14, of unknown reliability, disclosed that the subject was a member of Artists Equity, which she described as an association of artists in San Francisco, which to the best of her knowledge was not Communist influenced.

SF T-15, of unknown reliability, revealed that the subject was a member of the San Francisco Art Association, which to the best of the informant's knowledge was not Communist controlled.

2. Finances

SF T-16, of known reliability, disclosed that commercial account No. A306 of VICTOR and LIDIA ARNAUTOFF at the Bank of America had the following balances:

Mrs.

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As of June 28, 1954, - $229.60

As of July 21, 1954, - $236.92

3. International Women's Day

SF T-13 identified the subject in attendance at an International Women's Day meeting March 20, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

4. Portrait of GERTRUDE WARWICK

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GERTRUDE WARWICK, according to an article in the DPW of April 29, 1954, page 7, joined the CP in 1919 as a charter member. The article further noted that the subject had studied her for a portrait and that subject told Mrs. WARWICK, "I think your personality is a great deal bigger than I can put down in a portrait." The "Daily People's World" (DPW) is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The May 11, 1954, issue of the DPW contains a photograph of a portrait of GERTRUDE WARWICK. The text under the photograph is as follows: "This portrait of GERTRUDE WARWICK, taken by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, was unveiled Sunday at open ceremonies. Copies of the portrait are available at $1 each. They may be secured by writing the 'Daily People's World,' 590 Folsom Street, San Francisco."

On the same page under the heading "250 Jam Double Birthday Party" appeared the following: "AL RICHMOND, Executive Editor of the sponsoring

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'DPW' unveiled a portrait of Mrs. WARWICK by artist VICTOR ARNAUTOFF."

SF T-13 furnished an invitation to a birthday party for GERTRUDE WARWICK to be held May 9, 1954, at 610 55th Street, Oakland. Among other activities this invitation listed the unveiling of a portrait by the subject of GERTRUDE WARWICK.

5. Vacation

SF T-4 indicated that the subject and his wife were to begin their vacation August 16, 1954, and that they were to stay at a farm with address Route 2, Box 86, Oakdale, California. Informant noted that subject and wife have been spending vacations at this farm for many years.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

SOURCES:

SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESC. OF INFO.	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NUMBER WHERE LOCATED
SF T-1 is Anonymous				
SF T-2 is [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7)-(D)			
SF T-3 is Fisur, agents SF office	Subject's car parked vicinity CRC event.	4/4/54	N. FRYE A.J. TENNYSON	100-6359-1176
SF T-4 [redacted]	Subj attended CP mtg 6/23/54	7/7/54	G.D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	Subj attended CP mtg 7/6/54	8/8/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS mtg 6/4/54	8/4/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS mtg 6/11/54	7/7/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS mtg 6/25/54	7/7/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS banquet 6/26/54	7/7/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS mtg 7/2/54	7/7/54	"	
	Subj attended RAS mtg 7/23/54	8/4/54	"	
	Subject's vacation	8/10/54	" (orally)	100-6359-1210
SF T-5 is [redacted]	Subj heads G.A.W.	5/26/54	W.J. HOY	[redacted]

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SF T-6	Subj G.A.W. instructor	7/21/54	F.S. PERRONE	
SF T-7	G.A.W. social at subject's home	6/1/54	P.H. KELLER-MEYER	
SF T-8 Sgt. DON TANNIHILL, Broadmoor PD	Cars vic. subject's home 6/6/54	7/10/54	J.M. WUSLICH	100-6359-1186
SF T-9 SA HENRY D. GRUSH SF Office	Exhibits of S.A.W.	9/25/53	H.D. GRUSH	100-0-83323A
SF T-10	Infor re SUE PETERS	4/3/53	D.A. MERRILL	
SF T-11		7/6/54	SF Agents	105-2427-40 pg. 8
		7/8/54	"	100-6359-1177
FOIA(b)(7) - (D) FOIA(b)(7) - (E)		7/9/54	"	100-6359-1183,1188
SF T-12	HOLLAND ROBERTS contacted subj			
	HOLLAND ROBERTS office of ARI			
SF T-13	RAS mtg 5/30/54	6/7/54	H.D.GRUSH (orally)	100-6359-1190
	RAS mtg 6/11/54	7/14/54	"	100-6359-1205
	Subject at WARWICK party	6/7/54	"	100-6359-1189

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SF T-13 (cont)	Intl. Women's Day 3/20/54	6/7/54	H.D. GRUSH (orally)	100-6359-1174
	Portrait GERTRUDE WARWICK	6/7/54	"	100-6359-1189, [redacted]
SF T-14 [redacted]	Subj member Artists Equity	5/19/54	J.B. BENNETT F.KUHLMAN	100-6359-1175
	FOIA(b)(7)-(D)			
SF T-15 [redacted]	Subj member SF Art Ass'n.	8/23/54	J.B. BENNETT H.D. GRUSH (orally)	This report
SF T-16 Mrs. MARGARET TROY, Day & Night Branch, Bank of America	Subject's finances	7/23/54	S.F. FEWSTER H.D. GRUSH	This report

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow activities of subject.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 6/30/54.

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Director, FBI (100-356062-Sub 47)

September 3, 1954

PERSONAL ATTENTION

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM
SEARCHES

Reurlet of August 27, 1954.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a memorandum which has been forwarded to the Department to be attached to the Master Search Warrant for search of the premises occupied by Victor Michael Arnautoff and his wife, Lidia Arnautoff, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The enclosures should be incorporated into the list of places to be searched under the Master Search Warrant at the time captioned Program is placed in operation.

Enclosure

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-35602) 8/27/54

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-28810B)

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It is requested that the following premises be included under the master search warrant:

A. Residence of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF and wife LIDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington St., Colma, California

1. Residence of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF and wife LIDIA ARNAUTOFF

2. The ARNAUTOFFs reside at 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif.

3. ARNAUTOFF is regularly contacted by Soviet officials from the USSR Embassy whenever they come to SF. He is also head of the RAS, which has been cited by the US Attorney General and is a CP member.

4. The following contraband material may be found at the above address:

a. Propaganda material of the enemy or insurgents.

b. Propaganda material which fosters, encourages or promotes the policies, programs or objectives of the enemy or insurgents.

c. Mimeograph machines or other letter producing media on which such propaganda afore-mentioned has been or is being prepared.

d. Any and all records including membership and financial records of any organization or groups which has been declared subversive or may hereafter be so declared by the Attorney Genera.

e. Cash funds either in currency or coins, promisorry notes or checks or securities of any nature.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was. yes NA	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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ARNAUTOFF continues to reside with his wife, LYDIA, at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif.; is employed as an Art Instructor at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. Subject is a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP and attended CP branch meeting on 8/4/54. Subject is president and active in Russian American Society, Inc.; was in attendance at functions of the California Labor School, Inc. and American Russian Institute of San Francisco, all organizations designated by the Attorney General under EO 10450. Subject and wife vacationed for two weeks during August, 1954 on the ranch of ELMER L. MAUPIN near Oakdale, Calif.; spent vacation of 1953 at same location.

cc RAB, INS.

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DETAILS:

The informants mentioned in this report are all of known reliability.

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A. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The current telephone directory for San Francisco and vicinity, issued in July, 1954, indicates that the subject resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California (PLaza 5-0472).

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Mrs. Victor Michael

The above information was confirmed by San Francisco T-1 who also advised that ARNAUTOFF is still employed as an Art Instructor in the Art Department of Stanford University, at Stanford, California, where his telephone number is DAvenport 3-9411, Extension 459.

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San Francisco T-2 also confirmed the residence and employment of the subject and also advised that the subject's wife, Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, who also resides at 1007 Washington Street in Colma, is presently unemployed and is looking for work.

B. CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

1. Communist Party of San Francisco

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 advised on October 13, 1954, that subject ARNAUTOFF is a member of "The Eleven" branch of the CP of San Francisco and is an active member of the branch although ARNAUTOFF does not hold any office in the CP of which T-2 is aware.

T-2 also advised that a meeting of "The Eleven" branch of the CP was held on August 4, 1954, at 331 Acacia Avenue in San Bruno, California, and VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF were among the five members of the branch who were in attendance. Subject read an article by WILLIAM FOSTER concerning the danger of war which was published in the May, 1954 issue of "Political Affairs". The group then discussed the article and GEORGE WILLIAMS, one of the members present, expressed the opinion that United States defeats at Geneva, Peace in Indo China, and the increasing trade between East and West was easing the war danger. ARNAUTOFF challenged this statement and stated that events had sort of cornered "our War Mongers" and these people feel that time is running in favor of the Soviet Bloc and they had better start a war now for there would be less chances of winning at a later date.

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2. Russian Americal Society, Inc.

The Russian American Society, Incorporated (RAS) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 advised on October 13, 1954, that ARNAUTOFF continues to be an active member of RAS and presently holds the position of president of the organization. T-2 recalled that ARNAUTOFF has been president of RAS since the organization's inception in approximately 1941.

San Francisco T-3 made available an announcement of the "CHEKHOV Festival" which was being sponsored by the RAS and the American Russian Institute (ARI) of San Francisco on July 31, 1954.

The informant attended the festival which was held at 321 Divisadero Street in San Francisco, the address of the California Labor School (CLS) and HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of CLS and president of ARI, made a very flowery speech praising the works of ANTON CHEKHOV. The informant noted that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF were among those in attendance at the festival.

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San Francisco T-4 confirmed the attendance of ARNAUTOFF and his wife at the CHEKHOV Festival and indicated about 150 persons were at the gathering.

San Francisco T-5 also confirmed the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF at the CHEKHOV Festival and he estimated approximately 65 people were present.

T-2 indicated a meeting of the RAS was held on August 6, 1954, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which was attended by seven individual including subject ARNAUTOFF and his wife. The group accepted an invitation from the Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born to take part in an international festival to be held in Oakland, California. ARNAUTOFF was authorized to contact the ARI to propose a joint celebration by RAS and ARI for the Great October Revolution for November 7, 1954. ARNAUTOFF made a report indicating he had contacted a number of progressive organizations for the purpose of arranging a joint protest to the Post Office Department for its failure to deliver Soviet books and newspapers but found that none of the organizations he contacted were willing to make such a protest at this time.

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San Francisco T-6 confirmed the attendance of ARNAUTOFF and his wife at the RAS meeting of August 6, 1954.

T-2 advised that a meeting of the RAS was held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on August 13, 1954, and the subject and his wife were among the ten individuals in attendance.

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EFIM LASTOCHKIN reported on happenings in Indo China and at the Geneva Conference and his material was apparently taken from newspaper articles.

GEORGE WILLIAMS gave the Marxist approach to these happenings and claimed that the Geneva Conference was a big defeat for American diplomacy and American imperialistic aims. WILLIAMS was disappointed with the Geneva decisions because he felt that the whole of Indo China should have been given to HO CHI-MIN.

The group also discussed German cruelty and one member claimed that cruel behavior was a natural characteristic of all Germans, but ARNAUTOFF stopped the discussion by declaring that no nation is good or bad and that all people are good until bad governments spoil them. ARNAUTOFF pointed out that the Russian people under the Czars conquered many countries but under the Soviet Government the Russian people ceased to be conquerors and are friendly toward all the world. ARNAUTOFF indicated that under the Western capitalistic government the Germans are revising Nazism and think about war with the Soviet Union while the people in Eastern Germany are peaceful and do not want any war.

On September 8, 1954, T-2 advised that a meeting of the RAS had been held at the CLS on September 3, 1954, and that ARNAUTOFF and his wife were included among the six individuals in attendance. No regular meeting was held because only four members of the board were present. A letter was read from the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born asking that RAS be one of the sponsors for a national convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois in December, 1954. No decision could be reached due to a lack of a quorum.

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On September 12, 1954, the RAS sponsored a dinner at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, according to T-2. About 20 people attended and the admission charged was $1.50 each. The subject was there.

3. California Labor School, Inc.

The California Labor School, Incorporated (CLS), of 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-7 advised on July 21, 1954, that a lecture entitled "Guataumala" was held at the CLS on July 15, 1954, and that subject was in attendance.

San Francisco T-8 reported on July 22, 1954, that a "Starobin Workshop" had been held at the CLS on July 17, 1954. This was also referred to as a peace Workshop and was attended by a group of approximately 150 people which included the subject.

JOSEPH STAROBIN spoke on peace and the group was divided into three units for panel discussions.

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San Francisco T-9 advised on August 4, 1954, that ISOBEL CERNEY, a CLS instructor, had expressed the opinion that the Starobin Workshop was actually a conference at which CP policy was set forth.

San Francisco T-10 advised that during a meeting on June 16, 1954, a person interested in raising funds for the "Daily Peoples' World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, a discussion of CP clubs was held and at this time a CP member stated that MICHAEL and MARY SHAPAVOLOV, HOLLAND ROBERTS and EDWIN and ISOBEL CERNEY were in the same CP club in Santa Clara County, California.

Mr & Mrs. Whitmire

Cerney

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JOSEPH STAROBIN is the author of a book entitled "Eye Witness in Indo China". This book was published by Cameron and Kahn, New York, New York, and in a leaflet by the publishers announcing the book, STAROBIN was described as a foreign correspondent and commentator in world affairs since 1939, formerly foreign editor of "The New Masses" and a person who covered

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the United Nations for the "Daily Worker". STAROBIN was said to have spent 1951 and 1952 in Western Europe, traveling across the USSR to China in 1952 where he spent the years 1952 and 1953, and visited Viet Nam from China during that time.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper. "The New Masses" was cited by the Attorney General as a "Communist Periodical" on September 24, 1942.

T-7 furnished a copy of an undated mimeographed letter received from the CLS indicating that among the artists who would appear at the CLS during the Fall Term of 1954 was subject ARNAUTOFF.

T-2 advised on October 13, 1954, that so far as he knows, subject ARNAUTOFF is not teaching any classes at the CLS at this time.

4. American Russian Institute of San Francisco

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco (ARI) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 advised on October 13, 1954, that subject ARNAUTOFF is a member of the ARI, continues active in its affairs and he is believed to be a member of the ARI's Executive Board.

San Francisco T-11 advised on September 3, 1954, that she had noted that the subject and his wife are among the individuals who usually attend most pictures and social events which have been sponsored by ARI in recent months.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Finances

The following information should not be made public prior to the issuance of a subpoena.

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On September 28, 1954, San Francisco T-12 advised that the commercial account for the subject maintained at the Day and Night Branch of the Bank of America, Powell Street, San Francisco, California, had a balance of $149.90 on August 26, 1954, a balance of $138.27 on September 20, 1954, and was the recipient of a deposit of $253.40 on September 2, 1954. T-12 advised that during the month of September, 1954, ARNAUTOFF and his wife issued about fifteen checks drawn on this account, all of which were in minor amounts and apparently used to pay bills.

The informant noted that on September 3, 1954, Check #1603 was made payable to the San Francisco Bank in the amount of $76.00 while on September 14, 1954, Check #1612 was made payable to the Tidewater Associated Oil Company in the amount of $26.22. The informant directed attention to the fact that a number of small checks payable to "Cash" had been cashed at King's Market, a large super market in Colma, the residence of subject.

2. Vacations

The following investigation was conducted by SA CLARENCE W. DUNKER:

AT OAKDALE, CALIFORNIA

HUGH L. APPLING, Postmaster, advised that Rt. 2, Box 86, had been changed to Rt. 2, Box 717, and was a ranch owned by E. L. and NA OMI MAUPIN. He advised that this address had been known for years as the "Russian Camp". He advised for a number of years a number of Russians and people of Russian descent spent their vacations at this ranch, and that the ranch had a group of cabins off the road near the river.

APPLING advised that the ranch was formerly operated by the GIBSON Brothers.

WESLEY MILLAM, Rt. 2, Box 720, advised that Rt. 2, Box 717, which was near his ranch, was formerly known as Rt.2, Box 86 and was a dairy farm operated by ELMER L. MAUPIN. He advised that MAUPIN had operated the ranch for approximately one year, but that for many years this ranch had been known as the "Russian Camp". He advised that it was started many years ago by a man he understood was Polish, that for several years it was operated by HERBERT and FLORENCE GIBSON, but actually owned by

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GIBSON's father and uncle, whose names he did not know. He advised the GIBSON's sold the place to some people called BUCKINGHAM, who in turn sold it to ELMER L. MAUPIN. He advised that HERBERT and FLORENCE GIBSON now live on a ranch near LaGrange, California.

MILAM advised that there were several cabins near the river about three hundred or more yards from the ranch house which were occupied during the summer months by Russians and people of Russian descent, who apparently came from San Francisco or the Bay area. He advised that on Sundays, during the summer months, there were frequently picnics at this place and that there were sometimes 30 or 40 people in attendance.

MILAM advised that he knew of no unusual activity concerning the "Russian Camp" and understood that it was a social gathering place.

He also advised that a man named TESLUCK who was a real estate man from San Francisco, and was also of Russian descent, had a house at Knights Ferry, which was only a few miles from the "Russian Camp" and that TESLUCK had cabins in the rear of his house in Knights Ferry, which were also occupied by Russian people during the summer months. He advised that in recent years a number of the people who had occupied TESLUCK's cabins had apparently moved away, and there were not nearly as many Russians frequenting the Knights Ferry area as there were a number of years ago.

Mrs. NAOMI MAUPIN and her husband ELMER L. MAUPIN, Rt. 2, Box 717, advised that they had purchased the ranch at this address approximately a year ago from LAURA BUCKINGHAM, Stockton, California. They advised that they understood the BUCKINGHAMS had operated this ranch until Mr. BUCKINGHAM had died and that they lived at the ranch for approximately three years. She advised that prior to this time for a period of six or seven years the ranch was operated by HERBERT and FLORENCE GIBSON, who she understood lived on Waterford Road, near LaGrange, California.

She advised that she understood that the place was originally started by a man named PASCAVICH (ph) and that he was told by a Russian doctor that that particular territory was a very healthy place. He advised that in view of this PASCAVICH allegedly erected a number of cabins and that the cabins were used by Russian people and people of Russian descent from San Francisco for their vacations. They advised that they understood that this had been taking place for at least twenty years.

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They advised that when they bought the property about a year ago, some people contacted them and asked if they would continue the cabins. They advised that as this was profitable they continued to rent the cabins for $12. per week on some and $15. per week on others. They advised that there were 11 cabins in all.

The MAUPINS advised that they understood that all of the people who rented the cabins came from San Francisco, that this was a social gathering place for people of Russian descent and that they spent their time fishing, playing poker and swimming.

They advised that Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF had been renting a cabin from them for a period of two weeks and were leaving on September 1, 1954. Mrs. MAUPIN advised that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF mentioned that when she returned to the City she would have to look for another job, that she had been told by her employer that it would not be necessary for her to return to work. She advised that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF claimed that she had had an operation and had been away from work for some time. She advised that she (Mrs. ARNAUTOFF) claimed that her husband was a teacher at Stanford University and that they had a son who had recently been discharged from a branch of the Armed Services.

The MAUPINS advised that the ARNAUTOFFS had only been renting cabins for two years as far as they could determine and that the original reservation for the ARNAUTOFFS had been made by Mrs. NICK GORSHENIN of San Francisco. They advised that Mr. GORSHENIN was apparently a stevedore and that he had a friend named CASTLEMAN, who visited there.

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They advised that the only mail they had noted ~~for the~~ Jake ARNAUTOFFS was mail from their son JAKE, who was supposed to attend an Arts ~~and Crafts~~ School in San Francisco and that the only outside visitors they had noted was a couple who stayed two nights and had three children.

Mr. MAUPIN advised that recently he had been down at the camp which was some distance from the ranch house and that he had noted that NICK GORSHENIN had a sickle and hammer made of wood hanging in front of his tent. MAUPIN advised that he told GORSHENIN he would have to take down the hammer and sickle.

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The MAUPINS advised that a Mrs. JAYNE RICHARDS, who was of Russian descent and was married ~~to Captain~~ WAYNE RICHARDS, USMC, had been coming to the Camp for many years. They believed that she was a reliable individual. They advised that a Mrs. ROBERT SHARPE, a Mrs. TED KLEMISHKEN, and a Mrs. JOHN MISEGADIS were constant summer vacationers at the camp.

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MAUPIN advised that he had noticed that the occupants of the camp liked to keep to themselves and that they spoke Russian among themselves, when they were at the camp, and even spoke Russian to the children. He advised that it was his impression that the people came to the camp mainly for health reasons and that the people of the camp never caused any difficulty.

T-3 advised on September 7, 1954, that in connection with the vacationing of ARNAUTOFF and his wife in Oakdale, California, the informant recalled that BERNESE PARTZ is manager of a hospital in Oakdale, and lives in a small home in that community. The informant was unable to state whether PARTZ and the subject were acquainted or associated together.

On August 10, 1953, T-3 also advised that BERNESE PARTZ had been Secretary of the Baltic States Cultural Committee in San Francisco in about 1949, and that so far as the informant knows PARTZ has not been active recently in Communist front activities.

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San Francisco T-13 advised in February, 1952 that the Baltic States Cultural Committee, also known as the American Baltic Cultural Committee consists of two representatives each from the Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Finnish progressive groups in the San Francisco Bay Area. This committee sponsors social affairs for those nationalities and by having united gatherings the group can obtain better organizations. Money obtained from these affairs is divided equally among the various nationalities and is used by them in backing pro-Communist causes.

3. Automobile

On September 5, 1954, a 1950 Ford four-door automobile was observed parked in front of the subject's home in Colma by SA HENRY D. GRUSH and the vehicle was equipped with 1954 California license W6-LUE. It is noted that such license plates are issued in California to amateur radio operators sometimes called "ham" operators.

The records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles indicate that this license was issued for a 1950 Ford Motor Number BOLB-126,332, which is registered to MIKE or LILLIAN D. ARNAUTOFF, 603 South Redondo Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. This person is the subject's eldest son.

4. Communications

San Francisco T-14 advised that he had observed the billings for long distance telephone calls made by the subject during a part of August and September, 1954, but no calls of any intelligent significance were noted.

5. Relatives

On October 13, 1954, T-2 advised that the subject's son, JACOB ARNAUTOFF, is presently attending some school in the East Bay Area and is residing there. The informant learned that JACOB ARNAUTOFF has a job, but was unable to determine any further details.

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SF T-2, [redacted]	10/13/54 Data on residence, employment and organizational affiliations	10/13/54	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	"
	RAS, 8/6/54	8/10/54	SA GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	RAS, 8/13/54	8/26/54	"	
	RAS, 9/3/54	9/8/54	"	
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SF T-3, [redacted]	7/31/54	8/3/54	SA DONALD F. COFFIN	[redacted]
	BERNESE PARTZ	9/7/54	SA HENRY D. GRUSH	100-6359-1235
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SF T-6, [redacted]	8/6/54	8/13/54	"	[redacted]
SF T-7, [redacted]	CLS, 7/15/54	7/21/54	SA FRANK S. PERRONE	[redacted]
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	CLS letter	9/15/54	"	
SF T-8, [redacted]	CLS	7/22/54	SA WAYNE H. WEBB	
	7/17/54	8/16/54		
SF T-9, [redacted]	Starobin Workshop	8/4/54	SA RICHARD H. NELSON	[redacted]
SF T-10, [redacted]	CP meeting 6/16/54	6/17/54	"	100-9884-3479 b
SF T-11, [redacted]	9/3/54	9/3/54	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	100-635-1234
SF T-12, Mrs. MARGARET TROY, B of A, 1 Powell St., San Francisco	Finances	9/28/54	SA WILLIAM B. DILLON	instant report

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SF T-13. [redacted]	Baltic States Cultural Committee	2/13/52	SA HENRY D. GRUSH	105-615-96
SF T-14, [redacted]	Toll calls August and Sept. 1954	9/20/54	SA MAURICE M. DeJEAN	100-6359-1237

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The data on the subject's security index card was checked on October 13, 1954, and determined to be current and accurate.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA AND VICINITY

Will follow and report the activities of subject ARNAUTOFF.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Re WFO air-tel 12/2/54, entitled "Victor Arnautoff, IS - R; Sodac, Washington, D. C., IS - R."

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[redacted] He is already on the Security Index.

Inasmuch as the subject does not appear to offer any potentialities from the informant standpoint, the Bureau feels that the communications regarding him should continue to be forwarded under the classification Internal Security - C, rather than under the classification Internal Security - R.

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VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, IS-R; SODAC, WASHINGTON, D.C., IS-R

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WFO INDICES REFLECT THAT ONE VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF IS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT OF SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER DATED 2/2/53 AT SF, ENTITLED "VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF" (SF FILE 100-6359). PROVIDE WFO WITH ONE COPY OF THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION FOR INFORMATION. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERRED, IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SACLETS 54-32 (Q) AND 54-38 (N). THE SOURCE SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY A T SYMBOL WHEN USED IN A REPORT IN VIEW OF ITS SENSITIVE NATURE. -RUC -

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ARNAUTOFF IS SUBJECT OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION BY SF. REPORT SA WILLIAM B. DILLON, SF, 10/28/54, INDICATES SUBJECT EMPLOYED AS ART INSTRUCTOR AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIF., WITH RESIDENCE AT 1007 WASHINGTON ST., COLMA, CALIF. REPORT IDENTIFIED SUBJECT AS CURRENT MEMBER OF "THE ELEVEN" BRANCH OF CP,USA, AND PRESIDENT OF RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC., BOTH DESIGNATED BY AG UNDER EO 10450. RAS USES ADDRESS 321 DIVISADERO ST., SF.

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TITLE			CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.			INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject and wife are members of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP; attended branch meetings held in San Francisco, Calif., on 9/15,29/54, and 10/13,27/54, according to informant. Subject is president of RAS, Inc. and active in its functions; extended congratulations on 12/2/54 to Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., on anniversary of USSR October Revolution. CLS, San Francisco, Calif., had display of subject's works of art from 10/31-11/14/54. ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at CLS functions on 9/22, 10/23 and 11/5/54. CP, RAS and CLS all cited by Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF secured employment during November 1954, at Russky Kustar, San Francisco, Calif., book store and novelty shop.

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DETAILS:

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The informants mentioned in this report are all of known reliability.

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A. CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S. PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

(1) COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

SF T-1 advised that ARNAUTOFF members of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP, including members VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, held a meeting on September 15, 1954. The meeting began at 321 Divisidero Street but later adjourned to the San Francisco ocean beach in one of the member's automobiles. The informant stated that the meeting was disorderly and gloomy and that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF stated that the Russian-American Society, Inc. (RAS) was fast losing its members and was in danger of disintegrating. She indicated to the members present that most people do not want to be seen at 321 Divisidero, and it was decided that the members of RAS should invite people to their respective homes in order to influence them. Mrs. ARNAUTOFF also announced that since her return from her vacation she had not seen her "boss" from the CP Section Committee and so had no CP news for the group. One of the members announced that the CP would fight all suppressive laws recently passed by the Congress.

The September 29, 1954 meeting of "The Eleven" Branch was also held at the ocean beach in San Francisco in one of the member's automobiles and the subject and his wife, LYDIA, were present. The meeting was brief and one of the members announced that the RAS was unable to meet its financial obligations and it was proposed that the California Labor School (CLS) be requested to reduce the portion of the rent for 321 Divisidero, allocated to the RAS, to $25 or $30 a month. It was also proposed that the RAS telephone be discontinued as one means of reducing expenses. (T-1, 10/6/54)

On October 13, 1954, according to T-1, a meeting of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP was again held at the San Francisco beach in a member's automobile and VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF were present. The subject's wife explained the importance of CP group decisions with regard to mass organizations. The matter came before the group because one of the members had mentioned at the September 29, 1954, meeting that it was not important for the CP members to discuss and reach decisions concerning the RAS.

Member GEORGE WILLIAMS spoke for about a half hour on the role of CP members within mass organizations, saying that members

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of the CP are the leaders of the masses and the CP members must keep the leadership by discussing problems among themselves, reaching decisions, and only then bringing the matters before the masses. WILLIAMS pointed out that CP members are equipped with the knowledge of social science as set forth by MARX, ENGELS, LENIN and STALIN.

According to T-1, Mrs. ARNAUTOFF announced at the October 13, 1954, meeting that "The Eleven" Branch of the CP had already collected $245 for the "Daily People's World" and she hoped that the branch would be able to top its quota of $300.

At the October 13, 1954, meeting it was decided that the branch would celebrate the Great October Revolution with the CLS on November 6, 1954, according to T-1, and the branch was to organize the banquet while the CLS would supply a speaker and a film entitled, "Ten Days That Shook the World."

T-1 reported that a meeting of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP was held on October 27, 1954, at 411 Pierce Street, and the subject and his wife were among those in attendance. No regular meeting was held and the comrades spent two hours addressing envelopes for a leaflet concerning the elections, which was being mailed to members of the San Francisco Russian Colony. The informant noted that the addresses were being taken from the telephone directory and the informant commented that the leaflet was written by member GEORGE WILLIAMS and typed by LYDIA ARNAUTOFF.

The CP, USA, is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(2) RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.

T-1 attended an RAS meeting September 10, 1954, and noted that the subject and his wife were present. The meeting was devoted to a discussion of a dinner party to be given on September 12, 1954, by the ARNAUTOFF's at their residence.

On September 17, 1954, a meeting of the RAS was held and the subject and his wife were among the members present, according to T-1. No political discussion took place during the meeting and one of the members spent the time telling of stories of Soviet life which he had read in Soviet magazines.

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According to T-1, the subject and his wife were also present at the September 24, 1954 meeting of the RAS. Mrs. ARNAUTOFF announced that she was holding a party at her home on Sunday, October 3, 1954, and that the funds raised at this gathering would be divided equally between the RAS and the "Daily People's World" (DPW). At this meeting it was announced that the American Russian Institute had refused to celebrate the Great October Revolution jointly with the RAS.

Before the meeting of September 24, 1954 began, HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the CLS, announced that there would be an exhibition of the paintings of subject ARNAUTOFF at the CLS during October 1954, and ROBERTS suggested that one of the RAS members should make a speech explaining the fine work done by ARNAUTOFF as a fighter for progress and for the great future of the working class. This suggestion caused a heated debate among the members present and it was finally agreed that member MICHAEL SHOPAVOLOV would be asked to make the speech. CALIF

The subject and his wife were present at the RAS meeting of October 1, 1954, according to T-1. ARNAUTOFF introduced a new member, a Mrs. BROWN from Los Angeles. One of the members of the RAS made a comment that the Independent Progressive Party (IPP) candidates had no chance whatever in the election. ARNAUTOFF and members GEORGE WILLIAMS and MARY SHOPAVOLOV all declared that the IPP had a very good chance to make a wonderful showing in the election. CALIF

The members of the RAS held a meeting on October 8, 1954, according to T-1, and Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF were among the members present. It was announced that the RAS was in need of $100 a month to pay its current expenses and a discussion was had as to the means of reducing expenses such as securing a reduction in the rent and in discontinuing the RAS telephone service. Mrs. ARNAUTOFF announced that the dinner party which she gave at her home on October 3, 1954, netted $73 which had been divided equally between the DPW and RAS.

T-1 advised that a regular meeting of the RAS took place on October 15, 1954, and that the subject and his wife were in attendance. The meeting was of an educational nature and the discussion concerning the Nine Power Conference in London was opened by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF who declared that the conference was called to revise the European Defense Community (EDC) which had been repudiated by the French Parliament. Subject ARNAUTOFF also stated that it was a scheme to militarize Germany and to revise plans for war against the Soviet Union.

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Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF were among the members present at the regular meeting of the RAS which was held on October 29, 1954, according to T-1. Subject ARNAUTOFF began the meeting by distributing election leaflets issued by the IPP and requested all members to not only vote for the IPP candidates but to urge others to do likewise. Subject ARNAUTOFF also announced that on November 5, 1954, there would be a lecture by DPW foreign correspondent JOSEPH CLARK who would speak on Soviet Russia.

T-1 advised that the meetings of the RAS referred to above were all held at 321 Divisidero Street, and that the number of members present varied from seven to fourteen.

SF T-2 advised that he was the recipient of a letter from the subject and his wife announcing a "Siberian Pelemeni dinner" at the ARNAUTOFF residence on October 3, 1954. T-2 attended this dinner party and ascertained that it was sponsored for the joint benefit of the RAS and DPW. He noted that no political discussions took place during the course of the dinner.

SF T-3 advised that the subject, on December 2, 1954, contacted the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and extended a warm greeting of congratulations on the 37th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. The informant noted that ARNAUTOFF gave as his address, 321 Divisidero Street, San Francisco, and this is the regular address of the RAS of which subject ARNAUTOFF is the president, according to T-1.

The RAS is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(3) <u>CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL</u>

SA DIRCK A. MERRILL attended the San Francisco Art Festival at Aquatic Park on September 22, 1954, and the program which he was given indicated that the CLS Graphic Arts Workshop had a number of exhibits on display and among the participating artists in the Graphic Arts Workshop group was VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

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SF T-4 furnished an announcement of the CLS for the Fall Term from September 27 until December 3, 1954, which named HOLLAND ROBERTS as Director and FELICE CLARK as Registrar of the CLS. This mimeographed item carried the caption "Program of Classes and Special Events." It announced that a "Retrospective Exhibit of the Life Work of the American Painter VICTOR ARNAUTOFF," with a display of oil paintings, drawings, prints and lithographs, would commence October 31, 1954. The program indicated that ARNAUTOFF would give an address "Why I Paint" beginning at 8:00 PM on October 31, 1954. CALIF

SF T-5 advised on October 19, 1954, that HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the CLS, had indicated that the CLS was having an exhibit of the works of ARNAUTOFF at the CLS, 321 Divisidero Street, from October 31, 1954, until November 14, 1954.

The DPW of October 28, 1954, on page 7, carried an announcement of the exhibition of ARNAUTOFF's works at the CLS and indicated that twenty-two different exhibits would be on display.

The DPW is a West Coast CP daily newspaper.

The DPW for November 17, 1954, on page 7, carried a byline story by ELLIOT CLAY of San Francisco entitled, "ARNAUTOFF - An Artist With Something to Say." This article indicated that ARNAUTOFF had been an assistant to painter DIEGO RIVERA in 1929 in Mexico. ARNAUTOFF was said to have gone to Mexico after studying at the California School of Fine Arts since his arrival from China a few years previously. It was stated that ARNAUTOFF began as a sculptor but that his major works were murals, rather than easel paintings. One of his works of art was described as a dramatic piece entitled, "1934 Strike", "depicting the ruthless shooting of unarmed longshoremen by the San Francisco Police." The DPW article also mentioned that ARNAUTOFF was once the San Francisco fencing champion in the epee event. He was described as "a social realist."

A box article displayed with the article of ELLIOTT CLAY in the DPW of November 17, indicated that the ARNAUTOFF art exhibit at the CLS would continue through November 21, 1954, and spanned 25 years of ARNAUTOFF's work.

THOMAS C. LEIGHTON, Art League of California, 1256 Market Street, advised SA WILLIAM J. OVERMAN that he had received material at his home referring to the art display of the works of VICTOR

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ARNAUTOFF and of EMMY LOU PACKARD. LEIGHTON commented that both had formerly been students at the Art League school and had been separated due to CP activities. CALIF

SF T-6 furnished a throw-away announcement from the CLS entitled, "Exhibition of Paintings 1931-54" to be held at the gallery of the CLS at 321 Divisidero Street, commencing October 31, 1954. This throw-away listed the twenty-two paintings and works of art on display and it was noted that painting #1 was entitled "The Walls Too Have Ears," and #12 was entitled "1934" from the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) collection.

T-6 stated that a "Festival of Nationalities" was held at the Finnish Hall in Berkeley, California on October 23, 1954, and that he noted that subject ARNAUTOFF was among the approximately four hundred persons present.

SF T-7 stated that he was also present at this "Festival of Nationalities" and that it was held at 1819 10th Street in Berkeley. The event was sponsored jointly by the CLS and the Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. Informant T-7 also noted that subject ARNAUTOFF was present.

SF T-8 attended a lecture at the CLS held on November 5, 1954, on behalf of the DPW. The lecturer was JOSEPH CLARK and approximately one hundred and fifty people were present. AL RICHMOND of the Editorial Staff of the DPW, acted as chairman and the lecture was for the purpose of celebrating the 37th Anniversary of the October Revolution. JOSEPH CLARK announced that his talk was based on a foreign correspondent of the New York Times named SALISBURY who had lived for five years in Russia. CALIF

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B. CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

(1) NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL (NCPC)

SF T-9 advised on July 25, 1952, that the NCPC has as its primary objective the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth

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by the CP and that the NCPC was to serve as a clearing house for peace activities in the San Francisco Bay Area and the eight Northern California counties.

The DPW edition of March 10, 1954, on page 7, carries an article concerning subject ARNAUTOFF and indicates that hundreds of the world's leading artists had joined in honoring VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, a veteran San Francisco artist and teacher, for "his outstanding work in support of peace." It was said that ARNAUTOFF had received congratulatory letters and telegrams from artists in Mexico, the Soviet Union, Sweden, Britain, and from all over the United States. Mention was made that one of the congratulatory wires was from D. SHMARINOV, Vice President of VOKS Art Section and a member of the USSR Academy of Arts. The Executive Committee of the British Peace Committee also sent a telegram. Others identified as furnishing ARNAUTOFF with messages of congratulation were: ANTONY REFREGIER who wrote from Mexico; EDWARD BIBERMAN, chairman of the Arts Division of the Southern California Chapter, Arts, Sciences and Professions Council; JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and ROCKWELL KENT. The article went on to say that a number of Bay Area artists participated in a reception tendered to ARNAUTOFF by the NCPC.

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Mention was made that the NCPC used sketches by ARNAUTOFF for its Christmas campaign cards in both 1952 and 1953.

The DPW article of March 10, 1954, mentioned that ARNAUTOFF had been born in the Ukraine, had lived and worked in Mexico, and had been a resident of the United States for approximately twenty-five years.

SF T-10 stated that a luncheon was held on October 5, 1954, at the Hang Far Low Restaurant in San Francisco under the sponsorship of the NCPC for ESLANDA ROBESON, the wife of the singer, PAUL ROBESON. ARNAUTOFF and his wife attended this function and the group consisted of about sixty individuals. Mrs. ROBESON made an address concerning the United Nations and Colonialism in Africa.

(2) LITHUANIAN LITERARY SOCIETY, aka
American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association

T-2 advised during December 1952, that the San Francisco Bay Area Branch of the American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association was founded in 1921 in Oakland, California, by VINCENT

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BURDA at the instigation of CHARLES KESSEL, who, according to the informant, was a CP member and who is now deceased. BURDA was the original chairman of the organization and KESSEL served as its secretary-treasurer.

T-2 advised on October 4, 1954, that he had been at a meeting of the Lithuanian Literary Society, Branch 153, at 630 Hamilton Street, San Francisco, on September 19, 1954, and noted that Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF were present. The affair was of a social nature and a profit of $70 was made by selling food and drinks.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) CONTACTS

A motor vehicle, carrying 1954 California license 8B11504, was observed by SA HENRY D. GRUSH at 4:15 PM on November 7, 1954, parked near the subject's home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. The automobile was parked on the south side of the subject's driveway.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that the license number in question was issued to GEORGE T. McINTOSH, 50 Rossmoor Drive, San Francisco, Calibornia, for a 1940 Pontiac with Motor Number 6767300.

The files of the San Francisco Office contain no pertinent data identifiable with McINTOSH.

(2.) EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF

MRS VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Advice was received on November 10, 1954, from T-1, to the effect that Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF is employed at the Russky Kustar, a San Francisco book store and novelty shop, 1200 Divisidero Street in San Francisco, California, which is operated by JERRY FEINGOLD. According to the informant, it appears that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF is employed at this place of business on a full-time basis.

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(3) ATTORNEY

Advice was received from SF T-11 on October 26, 1954, to the effect that subject ARNAUTOFF had arranged for an appointment to see attorney GEORGE ANDERSEN at his office at 3:30 PM on October 26, 1954. GEORGE ANDERSEN is a member of the law firm of Gladstein, Andersen and Leonard which maintains offices at 240 Montgomery Street (Douglas 2-4821), San Francisco, California. Members of this law firm have served as legal counsel to known CP members on many occasions in connection with legal actions and Congressional hearings in the San Francisco Bay Area.

(4) FINANCES

The following information should not be disclosed except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

SF T-12 advised that subject ARNAUTOFF continues to maintain a commercial account at the Day and Night Branch of the Bank of America, 1 Powell Street, San Francisco, California, and the balance in this account on September 27, 1954, was $138.27. On October 22, 1954, the balance was $106.46, while on November 24, 1954, the balance was $121.55. Deposits in the amount of $253.45 each were made on October 4 and November 1, 1954.

T-12 stated that the checks being charged against ARNAUTOFF's account included the following which are of possible interest:

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Endorsement
1611	9/11/54	cash	$10	RAS
1620	10/5/54	San Francisco Bank	76	SF Bank
1627	10/7/54	Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	28.23	---
1638	11/6/54	cash	10	Russky Kuštar
1639	11/6/54	cash	5	RAS
1642	11/8/54	cash	5	American Russian Institute
1649	11/10/54	American Civil Liberties Union	5	American Civil Liberties Union

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T-12 advised that the balance in the subject's savings account A-7155 on November 24, 1954, was $173.16, there having been no activity in the account subsequent to September 16, 1954, when a $25 withdrawal was made.

(5) HEALTH

T-5 advised on November 18, 1954, that subject ARNAUTOFF was in touch with a doctor, believed to be Dr. ASHER T. GORDON, 291 Geary Street (Garfield 1-3027), San Francisco, California, and made inquiries concerning certain tests. ARNAUTOFF was informed by Dr. GORDON that the urine showed blood cells and ARNAUTOFF should call at the doctor's office for another check - otherwise everything was okey. ARNAUTOFF made an appointment to see Dr. GORDON on November 23, 1954.

T-5 learned on December 8, 1954, that ARNAUTOFF had again asked Dr. GORDON as to the results of laboratory tests and Dr. GORDON had indicated to ARNAUTOFF that the laboratory reports had been received on December 8, 1954, and that everything was satisfactory.

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	" 10/13/54	11/3/54	"	
	" 10/27/54	11/3/54	"	
	RAS, 9/10/54	10/6/54	"	
	" 9/17/54	"	"	
	" 9/24/54	"	"	
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	" 10/29/54	"	"	
	Mrs. ARNAUTOFF's employment	11/9,10/54	"	100-6359-1258
T-2 is [redacted]	RAS, 9/29 & 10/3/54	10/4/54	SA D.L. COFFIN	[redacted]
	Lith. Lit. Society formation	12/1/52	SA H.D. GRUSH	
	Lith. Lit. Society meeting 9/19/54	10/4/54	D.L. COFFIN	100-6359-1273

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T-4 is [redacted]	CLS Fall Term announcement	9/13/54	SA JAMES DUNPHY	[redacted]
T-5 is [redacted]	CLS art exhibit	10/19/54	---------	---------
	Health	11/18;12/8/54	------	---------
SF T-6 is [redacted]	CLS art exhibit announcement	11/2/54	F.S. PERRONE	[redacted]
	Festival of Nationalities, 10/23/54	10/27/54	"	
SF T-7 is [redacted]	"	10/29/54	SA D.A. MERRILL	
SF T-8 is [redacted]	CLS-PW lecture 11/5/54	11/9/54	SA L.F. TULLY	100-6359-1280
SF T-9 is [redacted]	NCPC thumbnail	7/25/52	W.L. WHITNEY	100-28875-85,p.17
SF T-10 is [redacted]	NCPC	10/11/54	SA K.F. MOORE	[redacted]
SF T-11 is [redacted]	GEORGE ANDERSEN appointment	10/26/54	------	---------
T-12 is ROBERT HUMPHREYS Chief Clerk, Bank of America, 1 Powell, SF	Accounts A-306 and A-7155	10/25/54	SA W.B. DILLON	instant report
	"	11/24/54	SA J.E. McHUGH	100-6359-1285

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

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Will follow and report the activities of subject ARNAUTOFF.

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The report of SA WILLIAM B. DILLON dated 10/28/54 at San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 2/18/55

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SECURITY INDEX REVIEW

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Subject ARNAUTOFF was born at Marinpol, Russia, on November 11, 1896. He was naturalized at San Francisco, California, on August 2, 1939. He is presently employed as an Assistant Professor in the Art Department, Stanford University, Stanford, California, and he resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. He appears to be in good health.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Subject is presently a member of and active in "The Eleven" Branch, Communist Party, USA, and there have been no indications of his defection from the CP. ([redacted], 11/3/55).

Subject is the President of the Russian American Society, Inc., and he has held that position since the inception of this organization in approximately 1941. The RAS is listed under E. O. 10450. ([redacted] 10/13/54 and 11/3/54)

Subject is also active in the affairs of the American Russian Institute of San Francisco and the California Labor School, organizations listed under E. O. 10450. ([redacted], and [redacted])

Subject refused to be interviewed by Bureau Agents on January 21, 1953.

Subject has been tabbed for "DETCOM" as he is considered a "key figure" in the CP. He is currently active in the CP, heads the RAS and is considered a local leader in subversive activities.

Subject is considered a potential espionage agent of the USSR as the investigation of his activities over the years has disclosed that he is usually contacted by Soviet diplomats visiting the San Francisco area. Subject extended congratulations to the Embassy of the USSR on December 2, 1954, in connection with the celebration of the October Revolution in Russia.

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RE : VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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The "COMSAB" tabbing for the subject is being deleted.

It is recommended that this subject's name be retained in the Security Index of the San Francisco Office, and that his DETCOM tabbing be continued in view of his active CP membership, the fact that he heads a CP front group, that he is a leader and key figure in Communist activities, and as he is a potential espionage subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 3/14/55

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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1-1,3,10,11

Subject resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. He is employed as Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University, Stanford, California. Subject and wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, are members of "The Eleven" branch of the CP,USA; subject attended CP branch meetings on 11/9/54, 11/30/54, 12/14/54, 1/4/55 and 1/18/55. Subject is President of the RAS, Inc. and active in its affairs, was in attendance during winter of 1954-55 at affairs of the CLS, ARI of San Francisco and California Emergency Defense Committee, all organizations designated under Executive Order 10450. Subject's bank accounts had balances under $150. each in January and February, 1955.

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DETAILS:

All informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless expressly stated otherwise.

A. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory which was issued in March, 1955 shows that the subject resides at 1007 Washington Street in Colma, California (a suburb of San Francisco, California) where his telephone number is Plaza 5-0472). The Bulletin of Stanford University, Stanford, California for 1954-55 lists VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF as an Assistant Professor of Art.

The Bulletin indicates that ARNAUTOFF and instructor RAYMOND E. BROSE, were scheduled to teach classes in Oil Painting, No. 106, during the Autumn and Winter Quarters. ARNAUTOFF was scheduled to teach classes in Painting Techniques, No. 107, during the Winter Quarter. He was also scheduled to teach classes in Print Processes, No. 110, during the Winter and Spring Quarters.

A schedule of classes indicated that ARNAUTOFF was scheduled to teach Print Processes in Room 314 from 10-11 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the Winter and Spring Quarters. He was scheduled to teach classes in Advanced Life Drawing, No. 102, in Room 313 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 pm. Professor ARNAUTOFF was also scheduled to conduct Elementary Drawing classes in Room 313 from 3-5 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The schedule of classes of Stanford University gave no indication that ARNAUTOFF has any classes on either Tuesday or Thursday.

The Stanford University Bulletin indicates that the school quarters are scheduled as follows:

Autumn Quarter	September 27, 1954 to December 17, 1954
Winter Quarter	January 3, 1955 to March 18, 1955
Spring Quarter	March 28, 1955 to June 15, 1955
Summer Quarter	June 27, 1955 to September 6, 1955

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B. CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

1. Communist Party, USA (CP)

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 advised on December 3, 1954 that a meeting of "The Eleven" branch of the CP was held November 9, 1954 in subject ARNAUTOFF'S car parked near the San Francisco, California beach. Five members of the CP branch were present including ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA and a discussion of the recent elections was held. According to T-1, it was rather a gloomy discussion as all present felt that the general trend was "reactionary".

The Communist members in attendance at the November 9, 1954 meeting decided to get in touch with CP members in the California Labor School (CLS) for the purpose of censuring FELICE CLARK, the Registrar at CLS.

The members agreed that during the celebration of the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution on November 6, 1954, FELICE CLARK had acted in a very defiant and antagonistic manner. When people arrived to see the motion picture, FELICE CLARK refused to admit them to the CLS library and it was necessary for them to wait in the hallway. The CP members agreed that from the start FELICE CLARK was against CLS celebrating the October Revolution together with the Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS).

The CP members agreed that FELICE CLARK thus showed a lack of Communist understanding and therefore merited a censure. After the discussion it was agreed that subject ARNAUTOFF would see HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of CLS and arrange a joint meeting of the CP members in order to consider the censorship of FELICE CLARK.

T-1 stated that a meeting of "The Eleven" branch of the CP was held on November 30, 1954 at 411 Pierce Street in San Francisco, California. Five CP members were present and the members prepared RAS leaflets for mailing. ARNAUTOFF and his wife were present.

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CAL Mrs. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Member GEORGE GALE read eight questions concerning the CP branch's participation in the elections and T-1 understood that these questions had been handed to LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, the subject's wife, by the CP Section leadership. These questions concerned the preparation that the branch had taken with regard to election rallies and the part taken by the branch in the election campaign. CP member GEORGE WILLIAMS voiced the opinion that in the next election the CP will drop the Independent Progressive Party (IPP) and concentrate on the Democratic Party. CAL

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The March, 1955 San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory indicates that 411 Pierce Street in San Francisco is the residence of CLARA SILVERSTEIN. She was not identified by T-1 as present at the meeting of the CP held at her residence on November 30, 1954.

T-1 advised that a meeting of "The Eleven" branch of the CP was held on December 14, 1954 at 586 44th Avenue in San Francisco and five members were present including ARNAUTOFF and his wife. T-1 described the meeting as a "registration" meeting and stated that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF used an adjoining room to interview each of the CP members in turn as she registered them. T-1 stated that the questions that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF asked included those about age, occupation, union participation, mass organization activities, but in addition asked if the members had any criticism about the CP leadership and the way the leadership was conducting Party affairs. The members were also asked if they approved of the CP stand toward the government's persecution of CP members. A question was also asked as to whether the members felt there was sufficient leadership from the "higher-ups" in the CP.

According to T-1, all CP members in attendance at the meeting of December 14, 1954 were registered and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF completed a separate questionnaire for each member as she registered them. The informant believed that the members were registered under their true names.

T-1 stated that at the meeting of December 14, 1954, after the registration had been completed, a discussion was held concerning the New Year's Party to be put on by the RAS.

The San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory issued in March, 1955 reflected that 586 44th Avenue in San Francisco is the

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residence of JESSIE KOZY and T-1 mentioned that NICOLAI KOZY was one of the members of the CP present at the meeting of December 14, 1954.

T-1 advised on January 6, 1955 that a meeting of "The Eleven" branch of the CP was held on January 4, 1955 at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, the residence of subject ARNAUTOFF. Five members were present and they included the subject and his wife. The meeting was of an educational nature and discussed the article in the November issue of "Political Affairs" entitled "Is the United States in the Early Stages of Fascism?". This article was by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and indicated that there was not as yet fascism in the United States. Member GEORGE WILLIAMS was in disagreement on this point and subject ARNAUTOFF took issue with WILLIAMS, pointing out that if fascism existed in the United States there would be no such things as protests against loyalty oaths.

In the course of the meeting of January 4, 1955, Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF reminded the CP members present that the "Daily Peoples World" subscription drive was on and that they should assist. Mrs. ARNAUTOFF also announced that the subsection "boss" of the CP wanted to meet with "The Eleven" branch and there was some talk among the CP leadership concerning the creation of a new section for national groups.

T-1 stated that at the meeting of January 4, 1955 the CP members brought up that the registration had disclosed that apparently there was not enough coordination between the CP leadership and the branch, and that the decisions sent to the Section level of the CP took months to be decided and the branch advised.

T-1 reported on February 1, 1955 that "The Eleven" branch of the CP held a meeting on January 18, 1955 at 411 Pierce Street, San Francisco, California, the residence of CLARA SILVERSTEIN. Six individuals were present and these included ARNAUTOFF and his wife.

An individual referred to as "Evelyn" attended and was identified as the Chairman of the Outer Mission Subsection of the CP. EVELYN told the CP members present that the Section and County leaders are in trouble; that the old, trained leaders are gone, some to jail and some underground and that their places have been taken by young undeveloped comrades. EVELYN stated that as a result of these changes, the rank and file comrades do not get sufficient leadership.

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EVELYN then questioned the members in turn as to their opinion of the situation, and the members made complaints concerning lack of leadership, too much time consumed by the Party apparatus, lack of personal contact with CP leaders and it was brought out that it had been three years since "The Eleven" branch had been visited by the Section leader.

EVELYN pointed out that "The Eleven" branch is a minority national group and therefore different from other branches and she suggested that consideration be given to keeping the branch in the same Section but finding someone among the County leaders who is familiar with the branch's problems who could be contacted in case of need. She suggested that a National Minorities Committee should be created within the County organization to which the branch could send a representative. She also suggested that a National Minority Subsection could be created to which the branch might be transferred.

T-1 advised on February 1, 1955 that it was not possible at that time to further identify the individual called "Evelyn".

2. Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS)

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-1 advised on October 13, 1954 that subject ARNAUTOFF is the President of the RAS and has held that position since the inception of the RAS in approximately 1941.

All RAS meetings described hereinafter were held at 321 Divisadero Street in San Francisco, California, which quarters are shared jointly by the RAS and the CLS.

T-1 advised on November 3, 1954 that a regular RAS meeting was held October 22, 1954 and that ARNAUTOFF and his wife were among the seven individuals present. During the meeting ARNAUTOFF announced that the RAS would celebrate the anniversary of the Great October Revolution on November 6th and would celebrate jointly with the CLS by arranging a banquet and entertainment which would include a Soviet film.

T-1 reported on December 3, 1954 that a celebration of the 37th Anniversary of the Soviet October Revolution was held on November 6,

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1954 under the joint sponsorhip of the RAS and the CLS. About seventy persons attended the banquet and an additional forty odd individuals came in later to see a Soviet documentary film entitled, "Ten Days That Shook The World". During the course of the banquet, ARNAUTOFF and Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of CLS, made speeches.

In his talk ARNAUTOFF stated that the Soviet Union does everything possible to promote the arts, live, music, painting and sculpture. ARNAUTOFF stated that it would be to the advantage of the United States if we raised our "iron curtain" and allowed free cultural interchange between the two countries.

ARNAUTOFF introduced ROBERTS who made a long speech praising ARNAUTOFF as a progressive painter - one who did not break his ties with the people and serve the capitalist class. ROBERTS also related his experiences in the Soviet Union when he was a delegate to the Second World Peace Congress and he expressed the hope that he could repay the Soviet hospitality some day. ROBERTS concluded his address by asking all to work toward real peace.

According to information furnished by T-1 on December 3, 1954, the RAS held a meeting on November 12, 1954 and sixteen members were present, including subject and his wife. The meeting was of an educational nature and member BORIS VON VAH lectured on the reign of Ivan the Terrible in Russian history.

T-1 advised on December 3, 1954 that an RAS meeting was held November 19, 1954 with six persons present including subject ARNAUTOFF. At this meeting ARNAUTOFF read a letter from Soviet Ambassador ZARUBIN thanking the RAS for its congratulations on the Soviet anniversary date.

A financial report was also discussed concerning the November 6 celebration of the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution and it was announced that the gross income was $212, with expenses so far of $57.

Data made available by T-1 on December 3, 1954 concerned a meeting of the RAS held on November 26, 1954. Twenty were in attendance and they included the subject and his wife. The meeting was of an educational nature and member BORIS VON VAH continued his lecture on Russian history.

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T-1 advised on January 6, 1955 that a regular RAS meeting was held December 3, 1954 with nine members present. These included the subject and his wife, LYDIA. It was decided at the meeting that the RAS would send greetings to the "Daily Peoples World" on its seventeenth anniversary and also make a donation to the Civil Rights Congress (CRC). It was also decided to send Christmas and New Year's greetings to the San Francisco Russian colony through an advertisement placed in the newspaper "Novaya Zarya".

The "Daily Peoples World" is a west coast Communist newspaper.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Data made available by T-1 on January 6, 1955 concerned a meeting of the RAS held on December 10, 1954. There were eighteen members present and the subject and his wife were among them. The group heard a lecture on Russian history by BORIS VON VAH. CAL

On January 6, 1955 T-1 advised that the regular meeting of the RAS was held on December 28, 1954 at which seven members were in attendance. These included the subject and his wife and ARNAUTOFF read a number of letters from the CRC, Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, Peace Committee and the Spanish Refugee Appeal, all asking for Christmas donations. No action was taken on these requests because the RAS had no money in its treasury.

ARNAUTOFF also read a letter from the Bulgarian Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad asking that the RAS exchange cultural information with the Bulgarian organization. The letter promised to send "Bulgaria Today" to the RAS along with other publications. The group decided that RAS would reply welcoming the invitation of the Bulgarian group and would promise to send them the RAS bulletin entitled, "For Peace".

T-1 also advised on January 6, 1955 that ARNAUTOFF answered the letter from the Bulgarian Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad and made arrangmenents to send copies of the RAS publication "Za Mir" ("For Peace") in return for the publication, "Bulgaria Today".

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T-2 learned that ARNAUTOFF informed DUDENKOV that ARNAUTOFF was disappointed that he and his associates had been deprived of the opportunity to become acquainted with life in the Soviet Union through firsthand knowledge. ARNAUTOFF told DUDENKOV that ARNAUTOFF rarely receives mail from the USSR and pointed out that during 1954, ARNAUTOFF'S organization (RAS) received two issues of the magazine "Murzelka", one copy of the magazine "Star", one issue of "Sciences and Life" (1953), two issues (4 copies) of the magazine "Art", five copies of "Art Kino", three issues of "New Time" and one issue of "News".

ARNAUTOFF went on to complain to DUDENKOV that ARNAUTOFF and his associates were receiving no Russian newspapers and ARNAUTOFF expressed the hope that in 1955 mail would be more productive.

T-1 advised on February 1, 1955 that a meeting of the RAS was held on January 14, 1955 with ARNAUTOFF, his wife and four others present. The meeting was brief and the members prepared January issues of a bulletin for peace for mailing. A letter from the "Daily Peoples World" was read inviting the RAS to take part in the seventeenth anniversary celebration to be held on January 21st but it was decided not to accept this invitation because of the RAS meeting scheduled for the same date. It was decided to invite the CLS to a joint celebration of International Women's Day during March, 1955.

According to information supplied by T-1 on February 1, 1955, a meeting of the RAS was held on January 21, 1955 at which thirteen individuals attended. ARNAUTOFF and his wife were there and the meeting was of a literary nature. BORIS VON VAH read the poem "Boris Godunov" by the Russian poet A. PUSHKIN.

On February 1, 1955 T-1 reported that a meeting of the RAS was held on January 28, 1955 with ARNAUTOFF and his wife and four

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other attending. The group decided to send VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and CLARA SILVERSTEIN as representatives to the IDA ROTHSTEIN Memorial meeting schedule for February 4, 1955. It was also decided that the RAS would donate $10.00 to the CRC.

3. California Labor School (CLS)

The CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3 made available on December 15, 1954 a copy of the "Winter Term" schedule of the CLS. This listed HOLLAND ROBERTS as the Director and FELICE CLARK as the Registrar of CLS.

This schedule indicated that on February 23, 1955 a class entitled "Realism in Art" would be conducted by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, HOLLAND ROBERTS and ERNST MUNDT, who was identified as the Director of the California School of Fine Arts. This schedule further indicated that "Perspectives of Art in the Soviet Union" would be discussed at the CLS on March 16, 1955 by EDWIN CERNEY who was described as an artist, and subject.

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T-3 advised on October 25, 1954 that the CLS was preparing on October 22, 1954 for an exhibition of twenty-two pieces of art by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF representing his work between 1936 and 1954, which were to be displayed at the CLS from October 31, 1954 to November 14, 1954.

SF T-4 reported on November 3, 1954 concerning the VICTOR ARNAUTOFF art exhibition which began at the CLS on October 31, 1954. The informant stated that on October 31, 1954 Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS of the CLS introduced subject ARNAUTOFF who spoke on the reasons why he was a painter and why he was a "Marxist painter" and how he tried to portray in most of his paintings the conditions of life under which the working class lived and survived.

ARNAUTOFF pointed out that most of his paintings showed workers at their daily tasks or undergoing the oppressions of the prevailing system in this country with its repressive legislation and its police spies who spy on the working class and provide the government with information about the members of the working class who are not satisfied with their alloted life. ARNAUTOFF stated that he believed in

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the working class and in the fact that they created all the wealth and that everything produced in the world was produced by workers. ARNAUTOFF claimed that the workers were the oppressed group of the world who receive a mere pittance for their labors and that any man who has a heart and who was interested in humanity, had to become a Marxist because only Marxism offered a logical solution to the problems of the working class.

After ARNAUTOFF completed his remarks on October 31, 1954, Dr. ROBERTS introduced IRVING FROMER, who was identified as one of ARNAUTOFF'S students at the Graphic Arts Workshop at the CLS. FROMER spoke on how much ARNAUTOFF had contributed to the art of the world, particularly that of California and San Francisco. He praised the great work that ARNAUTOFF was doing in training people such as FROMER. He also suggested that any of those in attendance who had artistic aspirations should become members of the CLS Graphic Arts Workshop.

SF T-5 reported on December 3, 1954 concerning the showing of a film entitled "Life In Bloom USSR-1949" which was displayed at the CLS on November 12, 1954. The informant stated that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was among the approximately thirty-two people who were in attendance.

T-4 advised on November 29, 1954 that he had been present at 141 Valencia Street where the Labor Theatre Group of the CLS was meeting on November 28, 1954. The informant noted that ARNAUTOFF was in the premises and was observed in that section which was devoted to the work of the Graphic Arts Workshop of the CLS. The informant further advised that ARNAUTOFF is one of the individuals who has keys to the premises at 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

T-3 reported on December 15, 1954 concerning a Christmas Market held by the CLS on December 10, 1954. The informant observed that subject ARNAUTOFF was present at this function. The informant commented that the Christmas Market was held at the California Hall located at 625 Polk Street in San Francisco and was held for the purpose of raising funds for the California Labor School.

SF T-6 reported on January 25, 1955 that HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the CLS, met JOHN WILLIAM POWELL in the lobby of the Whitcomb Hotel on Market Street in San Francisco in the early afternoon of January 25, 1955. ROBERTS and POWELL conversed for about

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twenty-five minutes and then separated. When ROBERTS departed from the hotel he walked around the corner to Eighth Street where the 1953 Plymouth sedan of ROBERTS was parked. An individual was seated in the vehicle and as it was driven away, it appeared to T-6 that the person in the automobile was subject, ARNAUTOFF.

The informant further advised that the identification of ARNAUTOFF was not positive because only a glance at the person was possible as the vehicle was driven away. T-6 also stated that during the time that ROBERTS and POWELL were conversing, they appeared, from remarks overheard by T-6, to be discussing events in the Far East and regarding the Formosa question.

SF T-7, another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence type investigations, made available records dated September 2, 1949 showing that JOHN WILLIAM POWELL was editor of the "China Weekly Review", a periodical published in Shanghai, China, which was consistently pro-Russian and pro-Chinese Communist. This publication severely criticised the policies of the United States throughout the world. CAR

SF T-8 advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS had inquired of subject ARNAUTOFF as to when the latter would next be at the CLS and ARNAUTOFF agreed to meet ROBERTS there on March 1, 1955. The informant confirmed that ARNAUTOFF was present at the CLS during the afternoon of March 1, 1955.

4. American Russian Institute of San Francisco (ARI)

The ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 advised on January 28, 1955 that he had attended a lecture at the ARI on January 26, 1955 given by HARRY F. WARD. WARD discussed the state of communism existing today as more a Soviet form of government rather than communism, as a true Communist state is yet to come. WARD commented that there should be co-existence between the United States and Russia. Informant observed approximately seventy-five people in attendance at the WARD lecture at the ARI and he noted that subject ARNAUTOFF was there.

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5. California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC)

The CEDC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The current San Francisco Telephone Directory which was issued in July, 1954, lists the CEDC as located at 935 Market Street, San Francisco, California with telephone Exbrook 2-0446.

T-4 furnished a report on December 27, 1954 concerning a meeting of the CEDC held on December 17, 1954 at the CLS. There were about seventy-five people present and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was noted by the informant to be among those present. DAVE JENKINS acted as Chairman of the meeting and introduced REUBEN BOROUGH who spoke "as a friend of the convicted Smith Act victims" and he stated that he was interested in the fact that people were being deprived of their political rights. BOROUGH claimed that President EISENHOWER should pardon every Smith Act defendant, both those convicted and in prison and those who are standing trial, because these people were acting from sincere political convictions.

The second principal speaker at the December 17, 1954 meeting of the CEDC was WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, convicted Smith Act defendant who is free on bail pending appeal and who is publicly acknowledged to be the Chairman of the CP for the 13th District.

SCHNEIDERMAN talked on the problems confronting left progressives throughout the West and California and discussed particularly the effect of the Smith Act on the leaders of the progressive forces in the West.

T-3 confirmed the attendance of subject ARNAUTOFF at the CEDC meeting of December 17, 1954. He noted that $276.75 was collected at the meeting for the benefit of the Smith Act "victims". Petitions were also handed out to be sent to the President asking a revitalizing of the Bill of Rights and the granting of amnesty to all Smith Act victims.

C. CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Northern California Peace Council (NCPC)

SF T-9 advised on July 25, 1952 that the NCPC has as it primary objective the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth by the CP

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and that the NCPC was to serve as a clearing house for peace activities in the San Francisco Bay area and the eight Northern California counties.

The current San Francisco Telephone Directory which was published in July, 1954, lists the NCPC as located at 935 Market Street, Exbrook 2-5295, San Francisco.

SF T-10 furnished on December 21, 1954 a copy of a bulletin captioned "Peace News" distributed by the NCPC, which the informant received through the mail on December 9, 1954. The bulletin is the December 1, 1954 issue and it reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was the artist who drew the scene of a longshoreman unloading cargo for a "Holiday Message to Our Congressman".

The "Peace News" also indicated that Mrs. MINNIE R. CARTER, Chairman of the NCPC was asking that 7,500 cards be mailed to Congressmen by December 25, 1954 and apparently the drawing by ARNAUTOFF was on the cards in question.

2. Californians for the Bill of Rights (CBR)

The "Daily Peoples World", west coast Communist newspaper, in its edition for April 17, 1953 carried an article announcing "A new organization - Californians for the Bill of Rights - joined the growing front against infringements on civil rights today". The organization is an outgrowth of the Federation for the Repeal of the Levering Act, a broad group composed of educators, professionals and public employees, who led the campaign against 'loyalty' oaths....." The San Francisco Telephone Directory issued during July, 1954 lists the CBR as being located at 435 Duboce Avenue, Underhill 3-3380, San Francisco, California.

On November 3, 1954 T-4 reported concerning a party sponsored by the CBR on October 30, 1954 which was held at MIRIAM WEBER'S house. Between seventy-five and eighty people attended this function and the informant noted that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was one of those present. The purpose of the meeting was to raise money to fight laws recently passed by Congress, specifically the one making mere membership in the CP punishable by imprisonment. The collections totaled a little over $350.

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D. MISCELLANEOUS

Finances

The following information should not be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

SF T-11 stated that the subject has a joint savings account with his wife at the Day and Night Branch of the Bank of America, Number One Powell Street, San Francisco, California and this account carries No. A-7155. T-11 noted that the balance in the account on January 1, 1955 was $129.88 and that there had been no change in the balance as of February 25, 1955.

T-11 determined that the subject and his wife also maintained a joint commercial account at the same branch bank. The balance in this account on December 27, 1954 was $113.62; on January 19, 1955 it was $119.62; on January 26, 1955 it was $109.37; while on February 25, 1955 the balance was $147.16.

Deposits to the commercial account were in the amounts of $260.45 on January 3, 1955, $20.00 on January 18, 1955 and $253.45 on February 4, 1955. T-11 stated that the following checks had been charged against this account:

Date	Amount	Payee	[illegible]
12/28/54	$ 5.00	Cash	RAS, Inc.
12/31/54	10.00	Cash	RAS, Inc.
1/5/55	55.86	Palo Alto Nash	payee [illegible]
1/10/55	24.91	Tide Water Associated Oil	payee
2/6/55	30.36	Tide Water Associated Oil	payee
2/6/55	12.50	Dr. ASHER T. GORDON	payee
2/6/55	54.00	Bank of America	payee

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Date	Amount	Payee	Endorsement
2/6/55	$76.00	The San Francisco Bank	payee
2/9/55	1.00	Cash	no endorsement but cashed at the Palo Alto Branch at the American Trust Co.

SF T-12 advised on February 1, 1954 that LEE ARTHUR TAYLOR resided at 519 University Drive, Menlo Park, California and had been a resident there since 1927. T-12 further reported that TAYLOR was employed by the Palo Alto Nash Company and had been a car polisher and janitor since September 15, 1947.

SF T-13 advised on September 11, 1942 that TAYLOR, as a new member of the CP, attended a meeting of the CP of San Mateo County on September 11, 1942 at 25 Arundel Road, Burlingame, California. As late as April 14, 1952 TAYLOR was reported as attending a CP meeting at 1224 Windermere Street, Menlo Park, California according to data furnished by T-14 on April 16, 1952. T-14 learned at this meeting that TAYLOR had been on the San Mateo County CP Executive Board for approximately eleven years.

On January 26, 1955 the records of the American Trust Company, the Bank of America and the First National Bank of San Mateo County were checked at the respective Menlo Park, California branches of these organizations by SA FRED R. ELLEDGE without disclosing any record of an account in the name of subject ARNAUTOFF or the RAS.

SA ELLEDGE checked the records of the branches of the Bank of America, the American Trust Company and the Anglo California National Bank of Palo Alto, California on January 24, 1955 but could find no reference to any account in the subject's name or in the name of the RAS.

Records of the First National Bank and the Bank of America branches at South Palo Alto were examined by SA ELLEDGE on January 31, 1955 but no reference to any account in the name of the RAS or in the subject's name could be found.

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Automobile

SA PAUL C. FULLER checked the records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento, California on February 7, 1955 and determined that there was no identifying data concerning the subject's vehicle which was in addition to the following: 1941 Nash Club Coupe (tudor) motor number RE9T,390S, which has California license tags 7B44-503, color medium green.

SF T-15 advised that subject ARNAUTOFF usually has his Nash automobile serviced at the Associated Oil Company service station which is located at 87th Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard in Colma, California (Plaza 5-9876). T-15 recalled that ARNAUTOFF usually has an oil change and a lubrication job performed on the vehicle about once each month. ARNAUTOFF usually drives the automobile to the service station, leaves the car, walks or is driven home and later walks back to the service station to get his automobile when the work is completed. T-15 determined that the vehicle was last serviced at the Associated Oil Station in question on approximately January 25, 1955. These data were supplied by T-15 on February 4 and 24, 1955.

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Mrs. JULES L.ROUTBORT, nee VERA CHERKES was interviewed on February 16, 1955 by SAS JAMES P. NYE and WAYNE K. WELCH at her residence, 115 Beaumont, San Francisco, California.

She advised that she had given approximately six English lessons to GREGORY MARKOVICH KHEIFETS, Soviet Vice Consul who was stationed in San Francisco, California and that these lessons were given in her quarters at the Southerland Hotel commencing in approximately December, 1943. She gave lessons to KHEIFETS for a period of approximately six months but did not attend any social or other functions at the Consulate of the USSR which was then located in San Francisco.

RUSSIA

Mrs.ROUTBORT commented that she had met VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF and knew that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was employed at the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission Office in San Francisco in 1943 and 1944. She stated that she knew of no activities on the part of the ARNAUTOFFS that were of a subversive nature and she explained that she had met them only casually at an art exhibition at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was displaying his work.

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SF T-16 stated that he has made periodic checks at the subject's residence at 1007 Washington Street in Colma, California during the period between February 4 and February 24, 1955 but noted no unusual activity there and the informant observed that the only automobile parked adjacent to ARNAUTOFF'S house was ARNAUTOFF'S Nash coupe which carries California license 7B 44503. This information was made available on February 24, 1955.

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IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION	FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED
T-1 [redacted]	Eleven Branch CP meeting, 11/9/54	12/3/54	GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	CP meeting 11/30/54	12/3/54	"	
	CP meeting 12/14/54	1/6/55	"	
	CP meeting 1/4/55	1/6/55	"	
	CP meeting 1/18/55	2/1/55	"	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	ARNAUTOFF President of RAS	10/13/54	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	100-6359-1242
	RAS meeting 10/22/54	11/3/54	GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 11/6/54	12/3/54	"	
	RAS meeting 11/12/54	12/3/54	"	
	RAS meeting 11/19/54	12/3/54	"	
	RAS meeting 11/26/54	12/3/54	"	
	RAS meeting 12/3/54	1/6/55	"	

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T-1 [redacted] (contd.)	RAS meeting 12/10/54	1/6/55	GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 12/28/54	1/6/55	"	
	RAS meeting 1/14/55	2/1/55	"	
	RAS meeting 1/21/55	2/1/55	"	
	RAS meeting 1/28/55	2/1/55	"	
T-2 [redacted]				
T-3 [redacted]	CLS Winter Term Schedule	12/15/54	ELLSWORTH F. HEMINGWAY	[redacted]
	Announcement of Exhibition of paintings CLS 10/31-11/4/54	10/25/54	"	
	CLS Christmas market 12/10/54	12/15/54	"	
	Northern California Emergency Defense Committee	12/20/54	JAMES DUNPHY	

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T-4	CLS Art Exhibit 10/31/54	11/3/54	EDWARD M. CUNNINGHAM	
	CLS Graphic Arts Workshop 11/28/54	11/29/54	"	
	Calif. Emergency Defense Committee Meeting, CLS 12/17/54	12/27/54	"	
	Calif. for Bill of Rights meeting 10/30/54	11/3/54	"	
T-5	CLS film 11/12/54	12/3/54	DIRCK A. MERRILL	
	ARI lecture 1/26/55	1/28/55	"	
T-6 FISUR	1/25/55	1/25/55	JOHN P. MC HUGH WILLIAM B. DILLON	100-6359-1321
T-7 Security Division, US State Dept. Washington, DC	Documentation of JOHN WILLIAM POWELL			
T-8	Subject at CLS 3/1/55	3/1/55		

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IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION	FILE NO. WHERE LOCATED
T-9 [redacted]	NCPC Thumbnail	7/25/52	WILLIAM L. WHITNEY	100-28875-85, p.17
T-10 [redacted] Calif.	NCPC "Peace News"	12/21/54	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
T-11 MRS. MARGARET TROY, Bank of America, 1 Powell St., SF, Calif.	Subj's bank account data	1/24/55 2/25/55	WILLIAM B. DILLON	Instant report
T-12 [redacted]	Employment and residence of LEE ARTHUR TAYLOR	2/1/54	RICHARD H. NELSON	100-23828-107
T-13 [redacted]	TAYLOR at CP meeting 9/11/42	9/14/42	ROBERT KORRIVA	100-11889E-4
T-14 [redacted]	TAYLOR at CP meeting 4/14/52	4/16/52	RICHARD H. NELSON	100-33774A 136A(26)
T-15 JACK WINTER Associated Oil Station, 87th and Junipera Serra, Colma, Calif.	Car servicing	2/4,24/55	WILLIAM B. DILLON	Instant report
T-16 Chief of Police RAY SAVAGE, Broadmore PD, Colma, Calif.	Spot checks at residence 2/4-24/55	2/4,24/55	"	Instant report

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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

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SAN FRANCISCO

At San Francisco, California and Vicinity:

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REFERENCE

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San Francisco letter to Bureau, 2/18/55

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FBI, SAN FRANCISCO 6-4-55 8-57 PM VEJ

DIRECTOR, FBI DEFERRED

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF IS-C. RE BUREAU TEL TO SF JUNE FOUR FIFTYFIVE. ONE ITC UNIT ARRIVED SF AT FIVE P.M. THIS DATE. OWNER NASH AGENCY WHERE SUBJECT-S CAR BEING REPAIRED ADVISED SUPERVISORY MECHANIC AND TWO HELPERS APPEARED AT WORK THIS A.M. STATING IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK ON SUBJECT-S VEHICLE INASMUCH AS THEY PROMISED DELIVERY THIS DAY. WOULD NOT VOUCH FOR RELIABILITY OF MECHANIC AND HELPERS. SUBJ CALLED FOR HIS CAR THIS P.M. ITC UNIT BEING TEMPORARILY MAINTAINED SF FOR POSSIBLE WEST COAST USE.

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END AND ACK PLS

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Mr. Belmont

cc Beaugez

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SACs, SAN FRANCISCO
PORTLAND

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, ISC. ONE ITC UNIT SHIPPED TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA AIR EXPRESS GBL J FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN THREE THREE LEAVING WASHINGTON ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., UAL FLT SIX ZERO FIVE, TO ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO ABOUT TEN HOURS LATER. THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY TO MAKE INSTALLATION. SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE ADVISED SEPARATELY IF AUTHORITY GRANTED AND IF GRANTED SAN FRANCISCO TO CONTACT PORTLAND AND REQUEST SA HOWARD EARP PROCEED SAN FRANCISCO FOR INSTALLATION IN WHICH EVENT EARP WILL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR TECHNICAL INSTALLATION. IF NECESSARY EARP MAY CALL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM AGENTS FREEMAN AND PEHTTE NOW IN SAN FRANCISCO ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.

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cc: 1- Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Millen

L.L. for Sutton
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: June 3, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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ASAC McMahon of the San Francisco Office called today requesting Bureau authority to install an under-car radio voice transmitter in the subject's car. It was pointed out that the subject's automobile is undergoing repairs which will be completed today or tomorrow and that San Francisco can make arrangements with the manager of the garage to have access to the automobile for the purposes of the installation with full security. San Francisco called attention to the fact that they had previously raised with the Bureau the technical aspects of an installation of this nature and the Bureau had advised them that it was possible provided the upholstery was in good condition. ASAC McMahon advised that the upholstery was in good condition.

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ASAC McMahon stated that in the event the Bureau approved, it would be necessary to obtain special equipment and he thought that such equipment was probably available at one of the offices on the West Coast.

After checking with the Laboratory, it was determined that it would be necessary to send the special equipment for the installation to the San Francisco Office from the Bureau headquarters. This fact was brought to the attention of ASAC McMahon, and he noted that in view of the limited time that they had available, it would not be possible to make the installation.

SAC Whelan called back at approximately 6:10 p.m. tonight and advised that the subject's automobile would be available tomorrow, June 4, and possibly June 5, 1955. Whelan strongly recommended that the special equipment be dispatched from the Bureau immediately and that authority be granted to make the installation since it appeared possible that the San Francisco Office would have the necessary time.

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WAB:bmm (4)
cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Brantigan

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It should be observed that Arnautoff is a long-time Communist Party member in the San Francisco area. During the war years he was a member of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission and is regularly contacted by Soviet official personnel when they travel to the West Coast. In view of the forthcoming Special Session of the United Nations at San Francisco, it is possible that Arnautoff will be called upon to perform special services for the Soviet Delegation.

The Laboratory is immediately dispatching the special equipment necessary for the installation and will separately advise the San Francisco Office the expected time of arrival of this equipment. In order to make the installation with proper security, it will be necessary for it to be handled by Special Agent Howard Earp, a former employee of the Laboratory who is presently assigned to the Portland Office. SAC Santoiana was contacted and he advises that Howard Earp is available to handle this assignment.

ACTION:

It is recommended that authority be granted the San Francisco Office to make the installation of the under-car transmitter provided full security is assured. If you approve, San Francisco will be telephonically advised, and they will be instructed to make arrangements for SA Earp to proceed from Portland for the purpose of accomplishing the installation.

Supr. R.W. Swartz, Laboratory Radio Section advised 9:25AM 6/4/55 that equipment dispatched to SF 6/5/55 and T/T of 6/3/55 advised SF and Portland.
6/4/55

Raymond Langlois, Night Clerical Supervisor SF telephonically advised 9:20AM that
1. authority granted
2. SF should make arrangements with SAC, Portland for Earp's services
3. equipment being dispatched by Lab.
6/4/55

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 20, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

7-8-55 File reviewed Relating on ... Add DC tab

already done 7/1/55

SECURITY INDEX REVIEW

REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30 dated 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants referred to herein have furnished reliable information in the past.

The Communist Party (CP), American Russian Institute (ARI), Russian American Society (RAS), California Labor School (CLS), and California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC) have all be designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DETCOM

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF was born 11/11/[illegible] Marchuli Russia, and served as a calvary officer in Russia during World War I, and from 1922 to 1925 served in the Manchurian Calvary. Subject legally entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, 5/23/31 and received U.S. citizenship on 8/2/39 in the U.S. District Court, San Francisco, California. His wife, LYDIA, was born 2/2/03 at Mukden, China; the ARNAUTOFFs have three children, one born in China and two born in Mexico. Subject resides with his wife at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is currently employed as Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

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1 cc 100-28810D (Security Index Review)
3 cc 100-30591 (Thumbnail Sketch File)

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Contacts with USSR Personnel

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[redacted] advised that subject attended a reception at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, on 11/8/46 and that subject and his wife attended an entertainment at the Soviet Consulate on 1/8/47; that subject gave a party in his home for members of the Soviet Consulate and Executive Board members of the RAS, Inc., on 2/10/47; reported on 8/27/51 that subject was in contact with KONSTANTIN EFREMOV and was considering having the RAS sponsor a reception in honor of EFREMOV with whom he had been friendly for many years.

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[redacted]

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF met the Soviet delegation to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, San Francisco, as they arrived by Southern Pacific Train at Oakland, California, on 9/1/51.

NIKOLAI PETROVICH SAVCHENKO, Secretary, 10/27/52.

VLADIMIR GERASIMOVICH DUDENKOV, Attache, 7/8/54.

VIKTOR MATEEVICH ZEGAL, Second Secretary, 7/8/54.

Communist Party

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] reported on 4/4/55 that subject is an active member of "The Eleven Branch" of the CP, USA, and has been a member of that branch since 12/7/50, at the time the branch was formed which was named the "Russian Branch." Informant has reported that subject has regularly attended CP meetings during the entire period 12/7/50 to 2/55.

[redacted] reported that subject had been an active member of the New Era Club, Professional Section, CP, and regularly attended CP meetings between 9/12/46 and 5/11/50.

[redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] each confirmed attendance of subject at certain specific meetings of the New Era Club, Professional Section, CP, between the period 9/12/46 to 11/14/50.

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American Russian Institute
of San Francisco

[redacted] on 11/6/47 reported that subject was a member of the Executive Committee of the ARI of San Francisco.

[redacted] has reported that subject attended 11 meetings of the ARI Executive Committee, one meeting of the Executive Board, and one general membership meeting during the period 4/4/50 and 3/25/51 and attended four later meetings of the Executive Committee of ARI in 1951.

[redacted] reported that the subject attended four Executive Committee meetings of the ARI between the period 1/8 and 2/19/52.

[redacted] reported that the subject is a member of the ARI as of 10/54 and continues active in its affairs and is believed to be a member of the ARI Executive Board.

Russian American Society, Inc.

[redacted] on 10/13/54 advised that subject is the President, RAS, Inc., and has held that position since the inception of that organization since approximately 1941 and on 4/4/55 reported that the subject had been re-elected the President for 1955.

The meetings of the RAS, Inc., are held at 321 Divisadero Street, which quarters are shared jointly between RAS and CLS.

California Labor School

[redacted] on 11/29/47 reported that subject was teaching courses in art at the CLS two or three nights a week.

[redacted] each reported subject as being active in the CLS during the year 1949.

The winter term schedule of the CLS indicated that on 2/23/55 a class entitled "Realism in Art" would be conducted by subject and two others in the CLS.

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[redacted] on 10/25/54 advised that the CLS was preparing on 10/22/54 for an exhibition of 22 pieces of art by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF representing his work between 1936 and 1954, which were to be displayed at the CLS from 10/31/54 to 11/14/54.

[redacted] on 11/3/54 reported concerning the VICTOR ARNAUTOFF art exhibition which began at the CLS on 10/31/54. Informant stated that on 10/31/54 Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Director of the CLS, introduced subject, who spoke on the reasons why he was a painter and why he was a "Marxist painter" and how he tried to portray in most of his paintings the conditions of life under which the working class lived and survived. ARNAUTOFF pointed out that most of his paintings showed workers at their daily tasks or undergoing the oppressions of the prevailing system in this country with its respective legislation and its police spies and who spy on the working class and who provided the Government with information about the members of the working class who are not satisfied with their allotted life. ARNAUTOFF stated that he believed in the working class and in the fact that they created all the wealth and that everything produced in the world was produced by workers. ARNAUTOFF claimed that the workers were the oppressed group of the world who received a mere pittance for their labors and that any man who has a heart and who is interested in humanity had become a Marxist because only Marxism offers a logical solution to the problems of the working class.

Californians for the
Bill of Rights

The "Daily People's World" in its edition for 4/17/53 carried an article announcing "A new organization - Californians for the Bill of Rights - joined the growing front against infringements on civil rights today. The organization is an outgrowth of the Federation for the Repeal of the Levering Act, a broad group composed of educators, professionals, and public employees who laid the campaign against 'loyalty' oaths...."

[redacted] on 11/3/54 reported concerning a party sponsored by the CBR on 10/30/54, which was attended by 75 to 80 people which was also attended by the subject. The purpose of the meeting was to raise money to fight laws recently passed by Congress, specifically the one making membership in the CP punishable by imprisonment.

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Miscellaneous

The subject, according to the 9/29/49 issue of the "People's World" newspaper, was identified as having been a delegate to the Peace Congress in Mexico City.

California Emergency Defense Committee AG

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] on 10/27/54 advised that the California Emergency Defense Committee held a meeting on 10/17/54 at the CLS at which the subject was present. Among speakers was WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, convicted Smith Act defendant who was free on bail pending appeal and who is publicly acknowledged to be the Chairman of the CP for the 13th District.

[redacted] confirmed the attendance of the subject at the 12/17/54 meeting.

Northern California Peace Council

[redacted] on 7/25/52 advised that the Nothern California Peace Council has as its primary objective the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth by the CP and that the Nothern California Peace Council was to serve as a clearing house for the peace activities in the San Francisco Bay area and the eight Northern California counties.

Mrs. NATILIA P. DOBBINS, on 12/21/54 furnished a copy of the bulletin captioned "Peace News" distributed by the NCPC, which is dated 12/1/54. This issue reflects that the subject was the artist who drew the scene of the longshoreman unloading cargo for a holiday message to all Congressmen.

RECOMMENDATION I agree

It is recommended that the subject be continued as an SI subject, and it is also recommended that he be classified for Detcom. SAC Letter 55-12A reflects that all top functionaries and key figures are to be classified "DETCOM", therefore, this recommendation is being made.

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DETCOM TABBING

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF is not tabbed for Detcom.

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(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 20, 1955

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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Card U.T.D.
7-1-55

___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN_____ NATURALIZED_____ ALIEN_____

COMMUNIST_____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY_____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE_____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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INTERESTED AGENCIES _____ 100-47675

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	8/26/55	3/15;5/16;6/1-28; 8/15-19/55	STANLEY F. FEWSTER fd

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subject is member of "Branch Eleven," CP, and attended nine meetings between 2/55 and 7/5/55, inclusive. Is member RAS, Inc., and attended 18 meetings between 2/55 and 7/8/55, inclusive. Sent protest to Mayor of SF requesting stop proposed picketing of Soviet Delegation to U.N. by White Russian colony. Attended activities of ARI of SF, CLS, Committee for Foreign Born and during anniversary U.N. in SF, met with Soviets VASILI A. KAZANIEV, VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA and YURI I. GOUK. Was in attendance at dinner party on 6/23/55 with Ambassador ZARUBIN and party and had audience with Foreign Minister MOLOTOV 6/24/55, when subject presented MOLOTOV with portfolio containing RAS bulletins, "For Peace."

1cc State Bulletin
1cc Gen 3/21/56
1cc Legat,
Pano EBS/amm

- P - 0-17 to SF 9/20/55 re dates 0 2, 8 a 14 Dr Lieberman Attending not info SF. RAB

DETAILS:

The August, 1955 Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington, Colma, California, and has telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

AGENCY Photo-Army
REQ. REC'D 2-11-58
REP'T FORW. 3-4-58
BY B Hu - JR S/o 16 Per Memo

Re Michael Victor Arnautoff (P-SP)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Posted 12/6/55 gsd/amm

AGENCY RAB
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DATE FORW. 9-28-55
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SF #100-6359

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has reported that the subject attended nine meetings of the "Branch Eleven" of the CP between February, 1955 and July 5, 1955, inclusive.

T-1 advised that the subject, at the CP branch meeting of "Branch Eleven" on April 25, 1955, led the educational on "the Negro struggle for full equality."

ORB 10/12/55 T-1, on May 25, 1955, AND JUNE 2, 1955 advised that the subject, at the April 12, 1955 CP meeting of "Branch Eleven" and at the May 25, 1955 meeting of the same branch, conducted educationals on "Does the tenth anniversary United Nations Session meet in a less war-like atmosphere than a year ago?" and, "What can we do to promote the peace movement and impress the United Nations and its importance?" respectively.

Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS)

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-1 has reported that the subject attended 18 meetings of the RAS between the period February, 1955 and July 8, 1955, inclusive.

T-1 advised on May 25, 1955 that the subject, at the May 13, 1955 RAS meeting, stated that the American Russian Institute would hold a reception for the Soviet Delegation after their arrival in San Francisco, California in June, 1955 and that the RAS must send their greetings. He suggested they arrange a tea party for the delegation, and also stated that a protest should be sent to the Mayor of San Francisco requesting him to stop a proposed picket line by the White Russian colony of San Francisco against the arriving Soviet Delegation.

T-1, on July 11, 1955, advised that the subject wrote to the Mayor of San Francisco, which action was approved by the RAS Executive Board on June 10, 1955, requesting the Mayor to stop any picketing by White Russians against the Soviet United Nations Delegation.

T-1 advised that the Board at the above meeting decided to send greetings to Foreign Minister MOLOTOV on his arrival in San Francisco and to present the Soviet Delegation with all copies of the RAS bulletin, "For Peace," which would be bound in an appropriate cover.

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San Francisco T-1, on July 11, 1955, advised that EFIM LASTOCHKIN, who was formerly an officer in the RAS, attended the RAS Executive Board meeting on June 20, 1955 in order to show the Board members the leather portfolio that he had purchased which was to be presented to Soviet Foreign Minister MOLOTOV and which would contain a set of RAS bulletins.

T-1 advised that MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV, of the RAS, was asked to write the greetings to MOLOTOV, although the subject reported that he did not know when the greetings could be presented.

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At this meeting, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF advised that he had seen some of the Soviet Delegates and had spoken to them about an audience with MOLOTOV but that it was not known if he would have time to see them as he was a very busy man. He reported that in case of an emergency, their greetings could be delivered at the American Russian Institute reception, which was planned, at which time some of the Delegates would be present. He advised that it was doubtful if any of the Soviet Delegates would be able to attend the RAS picnic.

The subject, at the above meeting, read a letter from the Mayor of San Francisco which assured that he would do all in his power to stop any picketing of the Soviet Delegation during their visit to San Francisco.

Mr Victor Michael Karnautoff Cal.

T-1, on July 11, 1955, advised that at the July 1, 1955 RAS meeting, the subject reported on the presentation of the greeting from the RAS to Foreign Minister MOLOTOV and also stated that prior to the day of the presentation he, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, had dinner with Soviet Ambassador ZARUBIN, at which time the subject told ZARUBIN about their present and requested him to so advise Foreign Minister MOLOTOV. The subject advised that on June 24, 1955, he received a telephone call to be ready for the presentation, and stated that he picked up his wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, and went to Hillsborough, California in a Soviet limousine. He advised the RAS members that there were representatives from some other American progressive organizations present and that he, ARNAUTOFF, delivered the RAS greetings to MOLOTOV and presented him all issues of the RAS bulletin, "For Peace," which was bound in a leather folder. He reported that MOLOTOV was very pleased and asked ARNAUTOFF to convey his greetings and thanks to members of the RAS, and also stated that the audience with MOLOTOV lasted for approximately one-half hour.

RBH 9/28/65

T-1, on 7/11/55, at the above meeting, stated that the subject also advised the RAS Executive Board at the July 8, 1955 meeting announced that

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EFIM LASTOCHKIN made a silver plating for the leather folder to contain the RAS bulletins for MOLOTOV. RBL 9/27/55

San Francisco T-1 stated that the subject, at the above meeting, announced that the California Labor School would have a lecture on the Soviet Union as the "champion of peace," and that the subject was then elected as one of the RAS representatives to the California Labor School.

American Russian Institute of San Francisco (ARI)

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 20, 1955, furnished an announcement of an historical film on the "Life of LENIN," to be shown on April 13 (1955) at 8:00 PM at the ARI, San Francisco. T-2 advised on April 20, 1955 that the subject attended the above film showing on April 13, 1955.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 4, 1955, advised that the subject attended a film showing of the "Life of LENIN" at the ARI on April 13, 1955.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 14, 1955, confirmed that the subject attended the above film showing.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 10, 1955 that ROSE ISAAK, General Secretary of the ARI, had informed the subject of a luncheon to be held on May 10, 1955 at which HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the ARI, and others were invited. Cal.

T-1, on May 25, 1955, advised that the subject, on May 11, 1955, at the "Branch Eleven" CP meeting reported on his lecture tour in Los Angeles, California on May 6-7, 1955, the first lecture being given for the ARI which was attended by approximately 100 people. He advised that the second lecture was at the Russian Home, which was attended by about 30 people, the lecture being on Russian art. He claimed that as a result of his speeches he received orders for the RAS bulletin, "For Peace," including one for the Vice President of Russian Home.

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AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO AFFILIATION AND ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIETS DURING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities at the time and date listed:

At 12:30 PM, June 2, 1955, the subject was observed inside the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, seated at a table with three other individuals at the time that VASILI A. KAZANIEV was believed to be in the ARI.

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At 9:43 AM, June 9, 1955, the subject was observed to leave the Plaza Hotel, Post and Stockton Streets.

Mr. WILLIAM GILCHRIST, Manager of the Plaza Hotel, on June 9, 1955, advised that the subject conferred with Soviets in the lobby of the hotel and on leaving the hotel, proceeded to the Union Square Garage, which is located directly across from the Plaza Hotel.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject to meet VASILI A. KAZANIEV in the lobby of the War Memorial Building, Van Ness and McAllister Streets, at 1:30 PM, June 10, 1955, where they had a brief conversation before both left the building and entered Maison Paul Restaurant, 1214 Market Street. They were together until 3:15 PM.

VASILI ANDREEVICH KAZANIEV is a Counsellor of the Soviet United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, New York, according to the May, 1955 issue of "Member of Delegation to the United Nations Entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities," published by the United Nations Mission to the United Nations.

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Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities at the time and date listed:

At 11:13 AM, June 13, 1955, the subject left the Plaza Hotel and proceeded to 321 Divisadero Street, wherein the California Labor School and the RAS are located, and then lunched at the Dixie Restaurant, Divisadero and Hayes Streets, where HOLLAND ROBERTS, of the California Labor School and ARI, was known to be.

At 2:10 PM, June 13, 1955, ROSE ISAAK entered 321 Divisadero Street, and at 2:48 PM, ROSE ISAAK left the above address in company with the subject, who drove ISAAK to the ARI, 90 McAllister Street.

Mr. WILLIAM GILCHRIST, on June 14, 1955, advised that an individual, who was later identified as the subject, had met VASILI A. KAZANIEV in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel that day.

At 10:08 AM on June 15, 1955, the subject was observed in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel, where he used the house telephone and called KAZANIEV's room, No. 620. A few moments later, KAZANIEV and an unknown Soviet appeared in the lobby with two other unknown individuals whom Mr. GILCHRIST thought were chauffeurs of the Soviet limousines, arriving at San Francisco on the evening of June 14, 1955.

On the above occasion, KAZANIEV introduced the subject to a Soviet, later identified from a photograph to be VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA, both of whom sat in a corner of the lobby where they conversed for approximately 15 minutes. Soon after the introduction, KAZANIEV left the hotel lobby, and GRUSHA entered the Plaza Coffee Shop, where both had breakfast and conversed. Cal.

At 11:13 AM, June 15, 1955, the subject left the Plaza Hotel in company with VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA.

San Francisco T-6 advised on June 20, 1955 that VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA had been seen by him at the headquarters of the Soviet Committee of Information (KI) sometime between 1947 and 1951, and the informant was positive that GRUSHA was a Soviet intelligence officer.

At 10:00 AM, June 17, 1955, the subject entered the Plaza Hotel, and at 10:03 AM, left the Plaza Hotel in company with VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA.

At 9:19 AM, June 19, 1955, the subject and VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA

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left the Plaza Hotel together, and at 9:21 AM GRUSHA re-entered the hotel, whereupon the subject walked east on Post Street.

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Mr. WILLIAM GILCHRIST, at 9:00 AM, June 21, 1955, advised that the subject appeared in the hotel lobby of the Plaza Hotel at 8:45 AM and called GOUK on the house telephone and that GOUK subsequently appeared in the lobby. He advised that GOUK and the subject walked in the corridor of the hotel and talked for approximately ten minutes, after which time GOUK returned to his room. Mr. GILCHRIST advised at 9:12 AM, June 21, 1955, that GOUK again met the subject in front of the Plaza Hotel, at which time they walked on Post Street to Powell and toward Market Street.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities at the time and date listed:

At 1:25 PM, June 22, 1955, the subject left the Plaza Hotel.

At 9:26 AM, June 22, 1955, the subject met VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA on the corner of Stockton and Post Streets, at which time GRUSHA was observed to give the subject something resembling a white envelope and then parted. The contents of the envelope are unknown.

Mr. WILLIAM GILCHRIST, on June 23, 1955, advised that at approximately 1:00 PM that day, the subject entered the Plaza Hotel lobby and used the house telephone and asked for KAZANIEV in Room 620 but learned that he was not available. He stated that the subject then sought GRUSHA, who came to the lobby and spoke with the subject, and that shortly thereafter GOUK appeared in the lobby, and the three conversed while sitting in the lobby for approximately 15 minutes. GILCHRIST advised that he observed the subject and GRUSHA leave the Plaza lobby shortly thereafter.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities at the time and date listed:

At 1:01 PM, June 23, 1955, the subject entered the Plaza Hotel, where he remained for approximately 20 minutes.

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At 1:15 PM, June 23, 1955, the subject and GRUSHA left the Plaza Hotel and stood on the sidewalk in front of the hotel and departed at 1:19 PM after shaking hands.

During the evening of June 23, 1955, HOLLAND ROBERTS and YURI GOUK were observed to enter Omar Khayyam's Restaurant, 196 O'Farrell Street and joined a dinner party.

A photograph of this dinner party, including HOLLAND ROBERTS and YURI GOUK, was taken by ART KERMOYAN, professional photographer employed by the Don Faulkner Studios, 680 Sutter Street, San Francisco, who was working at Omar Khayyam's on the evening of June 23, 1955. The photograph received reflected that the above party consisted of Ambassador GEORGI ZARUBIN, ANATOLI DOBRYNIN, Counsellor, USSR Embassy, ROSE ISAAK, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and others.

At 3:08 PM, June 24, 1955, the subject entered the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, and left at 3:29 PM. The subject and his wife were observed to enter the ARI at 4:15 PM, June 24, 1955.

On the morning of June 24, 1955, the subject met a man in front of the Orpheum Cinerama Theatre, 1192 Market Street, who was later identified to be VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA, and received a card approximately 3" x 5". The subject and GRUSHA walked from the Orpheum Theatre to Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street, the subject entering the Opera House at 10:09 AM, and GRUSHA entered shortly thereafter. The subject later displayed the above-mentioned card, or a similar card, to a police officer on duty in front of the Opera House, Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street, where the United Nations was in session.

At 12:50 PM, June 24, 1955, the subject visited the ARI and 321 Divisadero Street and was observed carrying a flat package about 12" x 18" wrapped in light-colored paper.

At 4:17 PM, June 24, 1955, the subject entered the ARI and was observed carrying the above-mentioned package.

At 4:35 PM, the subject and his wife left the ARI and entered a green Ford with four other individuals and was driven by YURI GOUK in the direction of Hillsborough, California, on June 24, 1955.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 24, 1955 that at 5:17 PM, June 24, 1955, three

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automobiles arrived at 1901 Willow Road, Hillsborough, California. San Francisco T-7 advised that the subject, his wife LYDIA, HOLLAND ROBERTS, ROSE ISAAK, YURI GOUK and others arrived in the above-mentioned automobiles.

At 6:19 PM, June 24, 1955, the entire group mentioned above left 1901 Willow Road and immediately outside of the door, Foreign Minister V.M. MOLOTOV was standing in the group, which formed a semi-circle. MOLOTOV shook hands with the entire party, after which they departed.

San Francisco T-1 has advised on a number of occasions that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, wife of the subject, is a member of the RAS, Inc., and a member of the CP of San Francisco.

Mr. WILLIAM GILCHRIST, at 9:10 AM, June 25, 1955, advised that the subject appeared in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel and that VLADIMIR GRUSHA came to the lobby, and that the two, with two other Soviets, identities unknown to GILCHRIST, entered the Plaza Coffee Shop and had breakfast.

At 9:35 AM, June 25, 1955, Mr. GILCHRIST advised that the subject left the Plaza Hotel in company with GRUSHA and that GRUSHA walked as far as the exit and then returned to the lobby where he picked up the other two Soviets and then departed.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities at the time and date listed:

At 9:31 AM, June 25, 1955, the subject and GRUSHA left the Plaza Hotel and stood under the awning of the hotel, shook hands and GRUSHA re-entered the hotel.

At 10:59 AM, June 28, 1955, the subject entered the Plaza Hotel and departed at approximately 11:04 AM.

Mr. GILCHRIST, at 11:12 AM, June 28, 1955, advised that the subject had used the hotel telephone in the lobby and had left the hotel without contacting anyone in the hotel.

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that YURI GOUK attempted unsuccessfully to telephone PLaza 5-0472 at 10:22 AM on June 28, 1955.

The current Telephone Directory reflects the above telephone number is listed to the subject.

Special Agents of the FBI also observed, in addition to that previously reported, that the subject visited the ARI on June 7, 14, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27 and 28, 1955.

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California Labor School (CLS)

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject attended a showing of the movie, "The Dreyfus Affair," at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street on February 25, 1955, and on March 10, 1955 attended a lecture at the CLS on "Negro Art, a Power for Success."

T-9, on March 25, 1955, advised that the subject attended a session of the CLS chorus on March 21, 1955 at the CLS.

San Francisco T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 7, 1955 furnished an advertisement regarding the "Book Fair and Festival, March 18-19-20," to be held at 321 Divisadero Street, which listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as one of two instructors on March 16 (1955) for the subject, "Perspective of Art in the USSR," at the CLS.

T-9, on April 1, 1955, furnished the "Spring Term, 1955 California Labor School" schedule which lists VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as one of three instructors under the caption, "Portfolio Workshop," at the Graphic Arts Workshop, 141 Valencia," on Thursdays, from "April 21 - June 23, 8:00 PM."

San Francisco T-2, on April 7, 1955, advised that the subject attended a talk by WILLIAM RUBENS on his book, "The Atomic Spy Hoax," at the CLS on April 1, 1955.

San Francisco T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the identical Spring Term, 1955 CLS schedule as reflected above.

T-11, on April 8, 1955, advised that the subject attended a meeting entitled "Atomic Spy Hoax" on April 1, 1955 at the CLS.

San Francisco T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject attended Open House at the CLS on April 17, 1955 and spoke regarding the Graphic Arts Workshop, describing its principal activity as doing posters, silkscreens, engaging in engravings, etc., and printed materials. He stated they were also

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engaged in making a folio of labor art to be given to delegates of the United Nations Session that would meet in San Francisco this summer. He also reported that they were having discussion groups on the work for this folio for the United Nations, and also engaged in their own creative artistic efforts and have discussion groups to help one another in this field.

San Francisco T-2, on April 20, 1955, advised that the subject attended the Open House of the CLS, held on April 17, 1955.

San Francisco T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished two flyers, on April 28, 1955, concerning the 1955 Spring Term of the CLS, from April 17 through June 25 (1955). Listed among the instructors was VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

San Francisco T-9, on April 22, 1955, advised that the subject attended a CLS Open House on April 17, 1955, which was also confirmed on April 18, 1955, by San Francisco T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-9, on April 29, 1955, advised that the subject attended the film showing, "The Stone Flower," and the Soviet short film at the CLS on April 22, 1955. Rcd 9/28/55

San Francisco T-4, on June 7, 1955, advised that the subject had attended the anniversary celebration honoring HOLLAND ROBERTS at the Bellevue Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets, held on June 4, 1955, celebrating ROBERTS' 60th birthday and his tenth anniversary as Director of the CLS.

San Francisco T-11, on June 8, 1955, advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the CLS, on June 6, 1955, lectured on "Pavlov's Contributions" at the CLS, which was attended by the subject.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the following activities on the dates listed:

On June 20 and 21, 1955, the subject visited the Graphic Workshop, 141 Valencia Street.

Special Agents of the FBI observed that the subject also visited 321 Divisadero Street on June 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23 and 28, 1955, in which building the CLS and the RAS, Inc., are located.

Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject in company with HOLLAND ROBERTS on June 7, 9 and 14, 1955.

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Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World" (DPW), West Coast Communist newspaper, of June 30, 1955, page 3, column 5, advised that a picnic was to be held at Sunnyview Club, Mountain View, California, under the auspices of the "Free Press" and the "Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born," and also for the benefit of "civil rights."

San Francisco T-15, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 6, 1955, advised that the subject had attended the above-mentioned picnic on July 3, 1955.

San Francisco T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 27, 1955, advised that the subject attended a meeting on April 16, 1955 honoring attorneys who fought for the rights of the foreign born, which meeting was sponsored by the Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

Miscellaneous

Special Agents of the FBI, at about 7:17 PM, June 2, 1955, observed a man enter the subject's residence, 1007 Washington, Colma, California, and observed that he drove a 1941 Chevrolet bearing California license 7B-37114.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, records reflect the above automobile is registered to TIMAFEY GOOSEFF, 345 Texas Street, San Francisco, California. Cal.

The San Francisco City Directory lists MR & MRS. TIMOFEA GOOSEFF as an assembler, Dependable Furniture Manufacturing, 45 Williams Avenue, San Francisco, and his wife as NADIA F. GOOSEFF. Cal. RBI 9/28/55

The San Francisco indices contain no information regarding TIMOFEA and NADIA F. GOOSEFF.

Mr. & Mrs. TIMOFEA F. Gooseff (Incorrect spelling initial)

Special Agents of the FBI, at 7:41 PM, June 2, 1955, observed the subject enter the Graphic Arts Workshop, 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

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Special Agents of the FBI, at 9:37 PM, June 7, 1955, observed a Pontiac automobile, bearing California license 6B78938, registered to TIMAFEY RAZVALIAEFF, 1094 De Haro Street, San Francisco, according to the registration on the steering wheel, arrive at the subject's residence. Two unidentified males entered the subject's home from the above automobile and were observed to leave at 9:52 PM and drove to an unnumbered dwelling between numbers 1350 and 1362 Vermont Street. The driver remained in the automobile, and the passenger entered the above dwelling with a package or large-sized Manila envelope. The passenger returned to the automobile about three minutes later without the package. At approximately 9:56 PM, the two men proceeded to 1094 De Haro Street.

The San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory lists the same name and address as shown above.

San Francisco T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 30, 1954, advised that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Daly City, California, was a subscriber to the DPW, his subscription due to expire July 1, 1955.

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A copy of this report is not being furnished the Los Angeles Office at this time, as the information regarding the subject's visit to Los Angeles, California, on May 6-7, 1955 was previously furnished to them.

The identifications of Agents on fisurs are maintained in the subject's file.

The subject is a Security Index subject. The Security Index card on file has been reviewed and is correct and current.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

SOURCES

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
SF T-1 is [redacted]	Attendance CP "Branch Eleven" meeting (held at subject's home) 2/3/55	3/2/55	SA GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	" 2/16/55	3/2/55	"	" " [redacted]
	" 2/28/55	4/4/55	"	" "
	" 3/22/55	4/4/55	"	" "
	" 4/12/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 4/25/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 5/11/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 5/25/55	6/2/55	"	" "

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SF T-1 (cont'd.)	Attendance CP "Branch Eleven" meeting (held at subject's home) 7/5/55	7/11/55	SA S.F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)				
	Attendance at RAS meetings, 2/4/55	3/2/55	SA G.D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	" 2/11/55	3/2/55	"	" " [redacted]
	" 2/18/55	3/2/55	"	" "
	" 3/4/55	4/4/55	"	" "
	" Ex. Bd., 3/11/55	4/4/55	"	" "
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	" 3/25/55	4/4/55	"	" "
	" 4/1/55	4/4/55	"	" "
	" 4/8/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 4/22/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 5/6/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 5/13/55	5/25/55	"	" "
	" 6/3/55	7/11/55	SA S.F. FEWSTER	" "
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SF T-1 (cont'd.)	Attendance at RAS meetings, Ex. Bd. 6/10/55	7/11/55	SA S.F. FEWSTER	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	" 7/1/55	7/11/55	"	
	" 7/8/55	7/11/55	"	
SF T-2 is	CLS talk, 4/1/55 on book "The Atom Spy Hoax"	4/7/55	SA JAMES DUNPHY	
	Attended ARI film showing re LENIN 4/13/55	4/20/55	"	
	CLS Open House 4/17/55	4/20/55	"	
SF T-3 is	"Life of Lenin" film, shown 4/13/55 at ARI	5/4/55	SA PHILIP M. BROOKS	
SF T-4 is	ARI movie, 4/13/55	4/14/55	SA EDWARD M. CUNNINGHAM	
	Anniv. of H. ROBERTS at Bellevue Hotel, 6/4/55	6/7/55	"	
SF T-5 is	Ident of H. ROBERTS, ROSE ISAAK; ARI luncheon 5/10/55			
SF T-6 is	Ident. of V.A. KAZANIEV			105-3303-46
	" " VLADIMIR A. GRUSHA			105-3336-27

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SF T-7 is [redacted]	Re Party attending MOLOTOV reception 6/24/55			100-6359-1452
SF T-8 is [redacted]	[redacted]			
SF T-9 is [redacted]	CLS movie, "The Dreyfus Affair," 2/25/55	3/15/55	SA DIRCK A. MERRILL	[redacted]
	CLS - lecture "Negro Art, A Power for Success"	3/15/55	"	
	CLS - Chorus, 3/21/55	3/25/55	"	
	Spring Term CLS, 1955	4/1/55	"	
	CLS Open House 4/17/55	4/22/55	"	
	Film showing, 4/22/55 at CLS	4/29/55	"	
SF T-10 is [redacted]	VA instructor, CLS, 3/16/55	3/7/55	SA FRANK PERRONE	
SF T-11 is [redacted]	CLS - meeting, "Atom Spy Hoax," 4/1/55	4/8/55	"	

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
SF T-11 (cont'd.)	CLS Spring Term, 1955, schedule	4/8/55	SA F.S. PERRONE	[redacted]
	Re Petition for Peace	5/27/55	SA D.A. MERRILL	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	CLS lecture, 6/6/55	6/8/55	SA F.S. PERRONE	
SF T-12 is [redacted]	CLS Open House, 4/17/55	4/18/55	SA LEO A. SCHON	
SF T-13 is [redacted]	Listed CLS instructors, 4/17-6/25/55	4/28/55	SA ARTHUR J. VAN HAVER	
SF T-14 is [redacted]	Open House, CLS 4/17/55	4/18/55	SA WAYNE H. WEBB	
SF T-15 is [redacted]	Picnic, 7/3/55	7/6/55	SA TROY F. WILDER	
SF T-16 is [redacted]	Meeting sponsored by Northern Calif. Com. for Protection of Foreign Born, 4/16/55	4/27/55	SA DONALD L. COFFIN	100-6359-1473
SF T-17 is Mr. MICHAEL A. CAREW, PO Inspector, Rincon Annex PO, SF	Re subj's. DPW subscription		SA WILBERT H. KEHE, ET AL	100-6359-1345

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Will continue to follow the activities of the subject through established sources and informants.

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2. Will consider interviewing TIMOFEA GOOSEFF, who visited the subject's house on June 2, 1955.

3. Will obtain additional background for TIMAFEY RAZVALIAEFF and will then consider interviewing this individual.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM B. DILLON, dated 3/16/55 at San Francisco.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 21, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

FELIX ROSENTHAL,
VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

According to recent newspaper articles, the San Francisco City Art Commission ordered a controversial lithograph, depicting a likeness of Vice President Nixon and made by Victor Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist, removed from the San Francisco Art Festival. According to the newspapers, the lithograph was titled "Dick McSmear" and depicts a likeness of Vice President Nixon wearing an eye mask. In one hand was a bucket labeled "smear" and a paint brush daubed in red. In the other hand was a pumpkin, apparently a reference to the "pumpkin papers" of the Alger Hiss case. The articles state that Felix Rosenthal, Director of the San Francisco Art Festival, was not in agreement with the action of removing the lithograph.

The files of this Bureau fail to reflect any information identifiable with Felix Rosenthal.

Arnautoff is identical with Victor Michael Arnautoff who is the subject of a current Internal Security-C investigation being conducted by this Bureau. This investigation reveals that according to informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, Arnautoff was an active member and regularly attended meetings of the Communist Party in San Francisco, California, September, 1946, to February, 1955. He has been connected with the following organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450: American Russian Institute of San Francisco, member of the Executive Committee since November, 1947, and still active as of October, 1954; California Labor School, art instructor, November, 1947, to February, 1955; Russian American Society, Inc., President since 1941 when the organization was founded; California Emergency Defense Committee, attended meeting December 17, 1954; Civil Rights Congress, sponsor in 1948 and 1951; American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, contributor in 1949, and sponsor in 1951. He was in frequent

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

contact and visited with personnel of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco, and with other Soviet officials visiting that Consulate from 1945 to 1952. He was a member of the San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1951-1952, which has been described by an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, as completely controlled and dominated by the Communist Party in San Francisco. He was a delegate to the American Continental Congress for World Peace, Mexico City, September 5 through 10, 1949, which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, report of April 25, 1951, as follows: "Another phase in the Communist 'peace' campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the western hemisphere."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has been furnished pertinent reports in this investigation, is considering denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff and his wife Lydia, who, as of February, 1955, was still a member of the San Francisco Communist Party.

By way of background, Arnautoff was born November 11, 1906, Mariupol, Russia. He entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931. He received his United States citizenship at the United States District Court, San Francisco, California, on August 3, 1939. He is currently employed as Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University. His wife, Lydia, was born February 5, 1903, at Mukden, China.

It is to be noted that a brief summary of the information in our files concerning Arnautoff was furnished by this Bureau to Mr. Robert King, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Nixon, on September 19, 1955, pursuant to Mr. Nixon's request.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: Sept. 19, 1955

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FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee
Lydia Vasilievna Blonsky

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with alias,
Victor Mikhailovich Arnautoff

Request for information from Vice-President Nixon

Bob King, Administrative Assistant to Vice-President Nixon, called at 3:45 p.m. today. The Vice-President had observed a cartoon prepared by Arnautoff which reportedly was a part of the Stanford University Exhibit of Art at Palo Alto, California. Stanford authorities removed the cartoon from the exhibit inasmuch as it ridiculed the Vice-President. The cartoon depicted Vice-President Nixon as holding a bucket of paint for smear purposes. Arnautoff protested the action of Stanford University officials in removing his cartoon. King stated the Vice-President would like to know this afternoon a few facts concerning Arnautoff's background.

After checking files, DeLoach advised King that Arnautoff was born November 11, 1896, at Marinpol, Russia. He first entered the United States at San Francisco November 24, 1925. He was naturalized August 2, 1939, at San Francisco. He had been employed by the Art Department of Stanford University since 1936 and is now serving as a member of the faculty there. Arnautoff has been identified with Soviet American activity in San Francisco for many years. He was the First President of the Russian-American Society, Inc., which was founded in 1941. He has been active in the American Russian Institute at San Francisco.

King was advised that confidential informants have identified Arnautoff and his wife Lydia as members of the Communist Party. The Arnautoffs have been in frequent contact with Soviet officials. King was advised that on December 15, 1947, the Soviet Consul at San Francisco submitted the applications for Soviet citizenship of Arnautoff and his wife Lydia to the Soviet Union. No further information is known concerning action on these applications.

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King indicated that the above information would be sufficient for the Vice President. He was advised that the membership of Arnautoff in the Communist Party was information received from confidential informants and was not of a public source nature. It was additionally stated in the event the Vice-President needed more information we would, of course, be glad to send a complete summary.

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CC -Mr. Belmont

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King stated this was not necessary, that the Vice-President merely wanted a brief rundown to satisfy his own curiosity. He was very appreciative.

ACTION: For record purposes

Is Arnautoff on our Security Index?

See memo 9-20-55 Belmont to Tolson

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 20, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: FELIX ROSENTHAL;
VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

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Pursuant to the Director's request of 9/19/55, Bureau files have been reviewed concerning Victor Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist, and Felix Rosenthal, Director of the San Francisco Art Festival. According to recent newspaper articles, the San Francisco City Art Commission ordered a controversial lithograph, depicting a likeness of Vice President Nixon and painted by Arnautoff, removed from the Art Festival.

Bureau files fail to reflect any information identifiable with Felix Rosenthal.

Arnautoff is identical with Victor Michael Arnautoff, subject of a current Internal Security-C investigation. Investigation reveals that according to reliable informants, Arnautoff was an active member and regularly attended meetings of the Communist Party (CP) of San Francisco, California, September, 1946, to February, 1955. He has been affiliated with the following organizations designated by the Attorney General: American Russian Institute of San Francisco, member Executive Committee since November, 1947, and still active as of October, 1954; California Labor School, art instructor, November, 1947, to February, 1955; Russian American Society, President since 1941 when organization was founded; California Emergency Defense Committee, attended meeting 12/17/54; Civil Rights Congress, sponsor, 1948-1951; American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, contributor, 1949, sponsor, 1951. He was in frequent contact and visited with personnel of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and other Soviet officials visiting that Consulate, 1946-1952. He was delegate to American Continental Congress for World Peace, Mexico City, September 5 through 10, 1949 (cited by Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities). He was member of San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1951-1952, described by reliable informant as completely controlled and dominated by CP. He has been on Security Index since 1941. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has been furnished pertinent reports, is considering denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff and his wife Lydia, who, as of February, 1955, was member of San Francisco CP and is still on Security Index.

Enclosures
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1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Section Tickler
1 - Mr. Young
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How long has he been a member of the following organizations?

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Pursuant to the request of Dr. J. E. Wallace Sterling, President of Stanford University, who had expressed some concern about the activities of Arnautoff and others at the University, the Bureau on December 14, 1953, orally furnished Dr. Sterling on a strictly confidential basis considerable derogatory subversive public source information concerning Arnautoff. In addition, Dr. Sterling was briefly advised of Arnautoff's activities in the Russian American Society; American Russian Institute; the fact that he had been in contact with Soviet personnel and the denaturalization proceedings contemplated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. (100-47675-118, 119)

By way of background, Arnautoff was born 11/11/96, Marinpol, Russia. He entered the U.S. at Nogales, Arizona, 5/23/31; received citizenship at U.S. District Court, San Francisco, 8/2/39; is currently employed as Assistant Professor of Art at Stanford University.

It is to be noted that on 9/19/55, a thumbnail sketch on Arnautoff was furnished to Mr. Robert King, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Nixon, by Inspector DeLoach pursuant to Mr. Nixon's request.

Enclosed is a letter to the Attorney General with copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, setting forth the above information.

ACTION:

1. For information.

2. If you approve, the enclosed letter will be sent to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 9/28/55

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Re Bureau Form 0-17, rerep of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 8/26/55, re subject.

It is requested that the date, June 2, 1955, be added immediately following the date, May 25, 1955, as appearing on Page 2, Paragraph 3, of rerep. San Francisco copies have been so changed.

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BAUMGARDNER

'Censorship' Charged

Art Festival Removes Work Satirizing Nixon

There was a blank space on the wall at the San Francisco Art Festival yesterday and there was quite a bit of artistic rumbling about "censorship" and "freedom of expression."

When the show opened Thursday, the space was occupied by a color lithograph satirizing Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The 10-by-14-inch cartoon showed Nixon wearing a black mask. He was holding a red-daubed paint brush and a bucket in one hand. The bucket was labeled "Smear." In the other hand was a pumpkin, a reference, apparently, to Nixon's role in the Alger Hiss case and Whittaker Chambers' "pumpkin papers."

'DICK McSMEAR'

The lithograph was titled "Dick McSmear" and priced at $25.

Thursday afternoon, following a call that purported to be from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the lithograph was ordered removed by Harold Zellerbach, president of the Art Commission, which stages the festival.

Joseph P. McMahon, assistant special agent in charge for the FBI here, told The Chronicle "it was none of our men to my knowledge. I know of no reason why we should make such a call."

Zellerbach said his secretary, Sylvia Horblit, received the call and transmitted the message to him. The caller directed Zellerbach's attention to the cartoon but made no demands.

ZELLERBACH STATEMENT

In a statement issued yesterday Zellerbach said:

"While I defend the right of artists to uninhibited self expression, the proper form hardly appears to be a municipally-sponsored art festival.

"Elected public officials of whatever party should not be the subject of a caricature displayed at an art exhibit financed by all the people."

ARTIST'S COMMENT

"I am surprised," said the creator of the lithograph, Victor Arnautoff, an assistant professor of art at Stanford University and a well-known artist. "I don't see the reason for this censorship."

Arnautoff said the work wasn't so much a caricature as it was a "political comment on McCarthyism," and it was, first of all, a work of art.

Festival Director Felix Rosenthal agreed: "It was very sensitively done."

Rosenthal said a number of local artists had expressed fear that "the removal of the lithograph has put freedom of artistic expression in jeopardy."

'WORLD HE LIVES IN'

"I, myself, would not have taken it down," said Rosenthal. "The way I feel is that the artist derives his inspiration from the world he lives in—whether it is a landscape or a still life or political strife.

"Some of the greatest works of art known to mankind have, at the time they were made, been provoked by very bitter political struggles."

Rosenthal made it clear that the "subject matter of this or any other work in the show reflects only the opinion of the artist and not, of course, the policy of the Art Commission or the Festival staff."

The Art Festival is an "open show" in that space is open to any artist to exhibit any paintings he wishes.

Most of the works were reviewed by the Exhibition Committee, composed of local art experts, but only to see that they met such requirements as proper framing.

The lithograph was not seen by the committee prior to the show. Chairman Charles Lindstrom, assistant curator of the M. H. de Young Museum, explained that art schools and other art groups were simply designated space at the Civic Auditorium and selected their own pictures. The lithograph was part of the Graphic Arts Workshop's exhibit.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 9/15/55

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Rerep SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 8/26/55 re subject.

It is requested that the following changes be made in ink on the Bureau's copies of rerep:

Page 3, last paragraph, and page 4, first paragraph should read: T-1 on 7/11/55 stated the subject also advised the RAS Executive Board at the July 8, 1955, meeting that EFIM LASTOCHKIN made a silver plate, etc...

Page 5, last paragraph - San Francisco T-6, a former member, etc.

Page 7, 3rd paragraph: Second Secretary, etc.
Page 11, 5th paragraph: "The Stone Flower" etc.
Page 12, 7th paragraph: The San Francisco City Directory lists TIMOFEA GOOSEFF (Delete initial F.)

The San Francisco copies and the INS copy have been changed as above.

The above errors were observed when the report was read by the writer on return from leave. Appropriate notations have been made in personnel folders of personnel responsible.

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Associated Press

This caricature of Vice President Nixon has been removed from a display at the San Francisco Art Festival. In one hand is a bucket labeled "smear" and a paint brush daubed in red, while in the other is a pumpkin, apparently a reference to the "pumpkin papers" in the Hiss case.

Nixon Sketch Taken From Art Exhibition

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17 (AP)—A lithograph depicting a likeness of Vice President Richard M. Nixon has been removed from the San Francisco Art Festival on grounds that it is controversial.

Harold Zellerbach, president of the City Art Commission, said yesterday he had ordered removal of the color lithograph after receiving numerous complaints from private citizens.

The lithograph depicts a likeness of Nixon wearing an eye-mask. In one hand was a bucket labeled "smear" and a paint brush daubed in red. In the other hand was a pumpkin, apparently a reference to the "pumpkin papers" of the Alger Hiss case, which Nixon—as a United States Senator—investigated.

The lithograph was titled "Dick McSmear." It was priced at $25.

The caricature was made by Victor Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist who, the Examiner said, had been associated with left-wing groups for years. The Examiner listed the California Labor School and the American-Russian Institute, both identified by the United States Attorney General as Communist subversive organizations, as organizations with which he was associated.

The paper said Arnautoff, a Russian-born immigrant now teaching art at Stanford University, had appeared as spokesman for Bay area "peace groups which met the touring Soviet farm delegation here.

After his arrival from Manchuria in 1925, the Examiner reported, Arnautoff studied under the Mexican Communist muralist, Diego Rivera. He assisted Rivera, an avowed Communist, in painting the murals in the National Palace in Mexico City and at the Palace of Cortz in Cuernavaca.

Zellerbach said:

"While I defend the right of artists to uninhibited self expression, the proper forum hardly appears to be a municipally-sponsored art festival."

Festival director Felix Rosenthal didn't agree.

"I, myself, would not have taken it down," he said. "The way I feel is that the artist derives his inspiration from the world he lives in—whether it is a landscape or a still life or political strife.

"Some of the greatest works of art known to mankind have, at the time they were made, been provoked by very bitter political struggles."

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359) 9/30/55

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) (100-418510)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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LYDIA VASILIEVNA ARNAUTOFF, was.
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ReBuairtel dated 9/28/55.

INS files re subject and wife reflect on 9/30/55 that INS has opened these files for investigation considering denaturalization proceedings; however, no investigation has been conducted by that service.

SF will maintain close liaison with SF office of INS and will report any information developed by that agency regarding these subjects.

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cc - SF 100-21344

Mr. Belmont

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1 Mr. Young
1 Section Tickler

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. September 28, 1955 AIRTEL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359;100-21344)

RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.; IS-C.
LYDIA VASILIEVNA ARNAUTOFF, was.; SM-C.

Bufiles reflect that the San Francisco, California, office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on 3-5-51 requested any derogatory information in Bufiles concerning Victor Michael Arnautoff, your file 100-6359, as they are considering denaturalization proceedings against him. A similar request was previously made by INS on 1-31-49 concerning Arnautoff's wife, Lydia, your file 100-21344. Pursuant to these requests, the Bureau has continued to furnish INS with pertinent reports in our investigation of Arnautoff and his wife. A review of the investigation fails to reflect the receipt of any information from INS relative to the status of any denaturalization proceedings contemplated by them against Arnautoff and his wife.

You are instructed to immediately contact the San Francisco office of INS to determine if they are still contemplating denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff and his wife, and the present status of any action being taken by them in this matter. You should then immediately furnish this information to the Bureau marked for the attention of the Liaison Section.

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1 - Subversive Control Section (R.E. Schultz)
1 - Section Tickler
October 12, 1955
1 - Mr. Young

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DIRECTOR, FBI

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
100-47675-155

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Reference is made to my letter dated September 21, 1955, which contained a summary of our files concerning Victor Michael Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist, whose controversial lithograph of Vice President Nixon was ordered removed from the recent San Francisco Art Festival by the San Francisco City Art Commission.

For your information this Bureau has contacted the San Francisco Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to determine the status of the denaturalization proceedings which that Service has been contemplating against Arnautoff and his wife, Lydia. In reply the San Francisco Office of INS has stated that it has recently opened its files on Arnautoff and his wife for investigation concerning denaturalization proceedings; however, no investigation has been conducted by that Service to date.

This matter will be followed closely by this Bureau and you will be advised of any future pertinent developments.

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 26, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 9/20/55, (enclosed herewith) which contains a summary of information in Bureau files concerning Victor Michael Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist, whose controversial lithograph of Vice President Nixon was ordered removed from the recent San Francisco Art Festival by the San Francisco City Art Commission.

My referenced memorandum pointed out that Arnautoff is the subject of a current Internal Security-C investigation which has determined that he was an active member of the Communist Party (CP) in San Francisco, September, 1946, to February, 1955; that he has been connected with numerous organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General; and that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is considering denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff and his wife, Lydia Vasilevana Arnautoff, who, as of February, 1955, was still a member of the CP in San Francisco. The Director asked, "How long has INS been considering it?"

Bureau files reflect that the San Francisco, California, Office of INS on 3/5/51 requested any derogatory information in Bureau files concerning Arnautoff as they were considering denaturalization proceedings against him. A similar request was previously made by INS on 1/31/49 concerning Arnautoff's wife, Lydia. Pursuant to these requests, the Bureau has continued to furnish INS with pertinent reports in our investigation of Arnautoff and his wife. A review of their investigations fails to reflect the receipt of any information from INS relative to the status of any denaturalization proceedings contemplated by them against Arnautoff and his wife.

In view of the above, Bureau Liaison on 9/23/55 contacted Shelley Bowles, Office of Assistant Commissioner, Investigations Division, INS, Washington, D. C., who advised that there was no record at INS Headquarters of any denaturalization proceedings initiated by their

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San Francisco Office against Arnautoff or his wife. Bowles added that apparently this matter is still under investigation or consideration by their San Francisco Office which would have to be contacted in order to determine the status of any contemplated denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff or his wife.

ACTION:

1. None. For your information.

2. If the Director desires, the San Francisco Division will be requested to contact the local office of INS to determine if they are still contemplating denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff and his wife and the status of any action being taken by them in this matter.

I think we should do this

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The 'Dick McSmear' Controversy: Arnautoff's View

Editor—A color lithograph executed by me was duly accepted by the San Francisco Art Festival and summarily removed the first day of the exhibit by the order of Mr. Zellerbach, president of the Art Commission.

As readers of The Chronicle well know from that newspaper's accurate and complete coverage of these events, this action was subsequently condemned by numerous leading people as arbitrary censorship. The Vice President of the United States also in his wire to the Art Commission reaffirmed the basic right of the artist to comment on the American political scene.

The September 21 Chronicle editorial stated that the removal of the lithograph and subsequent events had proven that "suppression and censorship have defeated their own purpose."

In view of this it was particularly disturbing to read Alfred Frankenstein's column on September 23 entitled, "Nixon-Arnautoff Case to Have Many Echoes." Mr. Frankenstein wrote:

"In reaffirming the artist's right to criticize public officials, Nixon has reaffirmed a basic American principle which one is very happy to see underlined; at the same time, one cannot refrain from observing that in his magnificent statement on this matter . . . the Vice President has opened as pretty a Pandora's box as ever came out of Washington . . .

"It is an invitation to all left-wingers in the Bay Region to swamp the next Art Festival with their propaganda, and it is difficult to imagine their not taking advantage of it."

This statement of Mr. Frankenstein has prompted me to reread Mr. Nixon's statement, and I find Mr. Nixon has simply expressed himself in favor of upholding the Bill of Rights for artists as well as for ordinary citizens—a position which his oath to support the Constitution pledges him to take.

On the other hand, Mr. Frankenstein expresses the view that the First Amendment is a good thing in general, but not for artists at the Art Festival, because, according to him, if the city allows artists their rights under the Constitution, it will open the door to all sorts of evils.

This is indeed a strange position for an art critic of national reputation who speaks as a friend of artists and a friend of art. In effect, Mr. Frankenstein proposes a sort of second-class citizenship for artists.

Apparently he considers artists a group of rather childlike people who function best in an atmosphere of strict control. Also he does not hesitate to use the method so often used by McCarthy and others of labeling as "left-wingers" artists who in the future may dare to comment pictorially on the events of our social life or political scene.

An American artist, scientist, worker, musician, housewife or politician, first of all is a citizen, and as such, not only has the right, but a duty to contribute his or her share to the democratic process by expressing their views through the medium of their profession. To deny to an artist the right to contribute through his medium to social improvement by pointing out the mistakes or misdeeds of public officials is a way to destroy democracy.

Mr. Frankenstein's position as a whole reflects an unhealthy attitude on the part of many art critics today who contend that artists should not concern themselves with reality at all. I feel that this attitude takes away from the artist his basi[illegible] tion, which is to help people [illegible] ality in its true light and enab[illegible] to face it without fear. Th[illegible] artists of the past were true [illegible] tradition, and the artists of to[illegible] be true to it without losing th[illegible] ativeness.

The artists' work becomes [illegible] without contact with large n[illegible] and varieties of people (not [illegible] with art critics and museums [illegible] San Francisco Art Festival, [illegible] shows artists at all stages of [illegible] opment to a large number of [illegible] who have never been enticed i[illegible] cold atmosphere of museums [illegible] very healthy development in ou[illegible] and, contrary to Mr. Frankenstein's opinions, should be cherished by both artists and the people in general.

Let us have faith in the ability and integrity of American artists and of the American people, who are the artist's best, critical and most demanding audience.

Colma. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

For Alfred Frankenstein's reply, see The Lively Arts column on the Panorama Page.—Editor.

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The Lively Arts

Artists Can Do Better Than a 'Dick McSmear'

Alfred Frankenstein

ON the page opposite we print a letter from Victor Arnautoff on which I should like to comment briefly here.

Like others who have written us in connection with this matter, Arnautoff overlooks the fact that last February the Art Commission adopted a statement of policy on its annual Art Festival in which politically inflammatory submissions were disqualified in advance. If this policy was ill-advised, it should have been protested at the time it was published in the newspapers, but not one of those who are now vociferous in condemning the ouster of Arnautoff's lithograph then had a word to say. Once this condition for acceptance was promulgated, Zellerbach had no choice but to stand by it. His action may perhaps be condemned as censorship, but it was taken in response to frankly stated rules and conditions issued months earlier and tacitly accepted by the community. It cannot justly be criticized as arbitrary, whatever else may be said about it.

The effect of the Art Commission's policy may well be to declare the artist a second-class citizen and subject him to thought control. At the same time, one does not need to be a mind reader to see why the commission is uneasy at the prospect of exhibiting politically inflammatory material under its auspices. The limitation is aimed primarily at protecting the Art Festival budget. Hang all the "Dick McSmears" that are offered, and the City Hall comes down with apoplexy; the result could easily be the suppression of any and all forms of municipal sponsorship for the visual arts. The Art Festival appropriation was killed several years ago on a much less explosive issue, and the commission had the devil's own time getting it restored. This is an explanation rather than a defense.

Arnautoff may be forgiven for identifying his own definition of reality with the whole. Any artist who admits that there are many kinds of reality and many approaches to it is probably not a very good artist; he must have immense convictions about what he is doing or he will never convince anyone else. What bothers me about "Dick McSmear" is its suggestion that one of the best mural painters in the United States has nothing better to do.

In the heroic days of Federal patronage, Victor Arnautoff created some of the finest works of art to be seen in the public buildings of San Francisco; his distinguished achievements at George Washington High School, the Presidio Chapel and Coit Tower come immediately to mind. It is this kind of thing, with its very direct relationship to the broad public, that I have continuously harped on as the alternative to the ephemeral Art Festival and not, as Arnautoff implies, exhibition under museum conditions.

I want to see the Arnautoffs of this town return, under municipal patronage, to projects worthy of their skills, for their own benefit and the benefit of the community at large. But this will never happen so long as the politicians value hoopla and attendance figures over constructive potentialities, and so long as certain artists continue to insist, bewilderingly, that it is more important to exhibit one little "Dick McSmear" for four days than to place a major work where it can deliver its ideas to the people for decades if not for generations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 11, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

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My previous memoranda pointed out that Arnautoff and his wife, Lydia, are the subjects of current Bureau security investigations, and are presently being considered for denaturalization by the San Francisco Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Our files do not reflect the receipt of any information from INS concerning the status of any denaturalization proceedings contemplated by them against Arnautoff and his wife.

A brief summary of Bufiles re Arnautoff was furnished to Mr. Robert L. King, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Nixon on 9/19/55 pursuant to Mr. Nixon's request. Summary was furnished to Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, on 9/21/55.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions the Bureau by airtel 9/28/55 requested our San Francisco Division to contact San Francisco Office of INS to determine the status of any denaturalization proceedings contemplated by them against Arnautoff and his wife. In reply, the San Francisco Division stated that the San Francisco Office of INS has opened its files on Arnautoff and his wife for investigation considering denaturalization proceedings; however, no investigation has been conducted by that Service to date. The San Francisco Division will report any information developed by that Agency regarding Arnautoff and his wife.

In view of the fact that information was previously furnished to them in this matter, there are enclosed letters to Mr. Robert L. King and to the Attorney General with copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins advising them of the status of the denaturalization proceedings being taken by San Francisco Office of INS against Arnautoff and his wife.

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ACTION:

(1) None. For your information.

(2) If the Director desires, the enclosed letter will be sent to Mr. Robert L. King and to the Attorney General, with copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins.

(3) This matter will be closely followed by the Subversive Control Section and you will be advised of any future pertinent developments.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN 10-13-55

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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ACTION:

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October 12, 1955

Honorable Robert L. King
Assistant to the Vice President
Office of the Vice President
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. King:

Reference is made to the conversation which you had on September 19, 1955, with Inspector DeLoach of this Bureau at which time you were furnished, pursuant to Mr. Nixon's request, a brief summary of our files concerning Victor Michael Arnautoff, a San Francisco muralist, whose controversial lithograph of the Vice President was ordered removed from the recent San Francisco Art Festival by the San Francisco City Art Commission.

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You will be advised of any future pertinent developments in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, Was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject is member of "Branch Eleven" CP and attended 4 meetings in 8/55 & 9/55. President RAS, Inc., and attended 6 RAS meetings in 8/55 & 9/55. Welcomed visiting Soviet Farm Experts who arrived SF airport 8/16/55. Attended activities of CLS, 5/55 and 6/55, and listed as instructor CLS in 1955 for fall classes. Attended memorial 7/17/55 sponsored by NCPC. TIMAFEY ANDREYEVICH RAZVALIAEFF and TIMOFEY MIKAILOVICH GOOSEV interviewed and each acknowledged visiting LYDIA ARNAUTOFF in 6/55 re translations for Molokan Church of Calif. magazine. Subject listed in "Daily Worker" articles of 1/3/49, 12/10/52 and 10/20/54.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The October, 1955, Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and has telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the subject continues to be a member of "Branch Eleven" of the CP of San Francisco and attended four such meetings during the months of August and September, 1955.

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RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 on June 7, 1955, reported that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF was the 1955 President of the RAS, Inc.

SF T-1 has reported that the subject attended six meetings of the RAS, Inc. during the month of August and September, 1955, three of which were meetings of the Executive Board.

SF T-1 on August 25, 1955, advised that the Soviet Farm Delegation that was visiting the United States was due to arrive in San Francisco on August 16, 1955, and that their arrival was discussed at the RAS Executive Board meeting of August 5, 1955. SF T-1 advised that the American Russian Institute of San Francisco planned to greet the delegation on arrival at the airport, and the American Russian Institute invited the RAS, Inc. to participate. SF T-1 stated that the Board decided to urge all RAS participants and friends to greet the delegates upon arrival and that the delegation would be presented with Bread and Salt, a very old Russian custom of welcoming important persons.

The American Russian Institute has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The San Francisco Examiner of August 17, 1955, Page 10, carried an article captioned "Soviet Farm Experts Land At Airport Here", which article reflects that the touring Russian Farm Experts arrived at the San Francisco International Airport on August 16, 1955; the delegates' chief being listed as VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH MATSKEVICH. The article reflects that approximately 100 people greeted the Russians at the airport and, according to HOLLAND ROBERTS of Palo Alto, California, the group represented various peace groups and the San Francisco Russian American Society.

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SF T-1 on August 25, 1955, advised that a number of people, including the subject, welcomed the Soviet Farm Delegation on their arrival at the San Francisco International Airport on August 16, 1955. The welcoming committee was sponsored jointly by the ARI of San Francisco and the RAS.

SF T-1 on August 25, 1955, advised that subject, at the August 19, 1955 RAS Executive Board meeting, announced that the RAS would celebrate the October Revolution on November 7, 1955, together with the California Labor School, the school to supply the speaker and the entertainment and the RAS to organize the dinner.

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Mr. R. B. KOEBER, Resident Manager, Chamber of Commerce, 333 Pine Street, on September 20, 1955, made available to SA HENRY D. GRUSH a copy of the Foreign Relations Organizational List, Research Department, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, which was compiled October 24, 1954. Page 4 of the above reflects that the "Russian American Society, Inc. is located at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco 17," and that "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma 25, California" is the President.

Mr. KOEBER advised that a postcard dated March 29, 1955, returned by the RAS, Inc. to the Chamber of Commerce, reflected that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, telephone PLaza 5-0472, was the President of the RAS, Inc.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 10, 1955, advised that the subject had attended a Women's Art Show held May 22, 1955, at the California Labor School in San Francisco.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 23, 1955, that subject, on June 17, 1955, attended the "Fiesta for Jenny", which was held for the benefit of the CLS and which was primarily social in nature. An admission fee of $1 was charged.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 7, 1955, furnished a copy of the CLS 1955 fall schedule of classes and events which lists VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as an instructor in the Painting Workshop, which is to be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon from September 24 to November 26 (1955). The schedule reflects that there will be ten morning sessions and the cost of the series was listed as $5 or 75 cents for a single lesson. Instruction of the above courses is listed as "Critical evaluation with intention to help artists in problems of composition, color drawing, subject matter and technique of painting."

The 1955 fall schedule also reflects that a special program was chosen in consultation with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF to mark the opening of the Graphic Arts Workshop "Calendar Show", scheduled for November 18, 1955, at 8 p.m.

The "Daily People's World" of September 14, 1955, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "ARNAUTOFF To Lead Painting Workshop", which reflects that a painting workshop, taught by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, would be held at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street in ten Saturday sessions from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, starting September 24, 1955.

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The above article also reflects that a one-man show of ARNAUTOFF's work, featuring working men and women in industry and agriculture had been held at the CLS in 1954.

The Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Page 47, reflects that "among typical examples of the Communist press and publications... The 'Daily People's World'."

COMMITTEE FOR ... PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 on August 25, 1955, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, in the RAS Executive Board meeting of August 5, 1955, read a letter from the Committee for Protection of Foreign Born requesting that letters be sent to the President of the United States asking him to remove the Immigration Service from the Justice Department and set it up as a separate department.

SF T-1 on August 25, 1955, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the August 19, 1955 RAS Executive Board meeting, read a letter from the Committee for Protection of Foreign Born requesting donations to assist them in fighting the Justice Department. It was decided to contribute $10.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 25, 1955, furnished a copy of the "Peace News, dated August, 1955, the Bulletin of the Northern California Peace Council, 704 Market Street, Room 501, San Francisco 2". On Page 3, under the caption "Distinguished Portrait Supports Peace Fight" reflects that "a portrait of WILLIAM KERNER by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is being offered by the Peace Council, at $2 per copy. The funds are used to support the peace work to which WILLIAM KERNER dedicated his whole life."

The above bulletin reflects that WILLIAM KERNER was the Director of the Peace Council until a prolonged illness led to his death in February (1955).

SF T-3 on August 1, 1955, advised that subject attended a Memorial for WILLIAM KERNER on July 17, 1955, near Sebastopol, California, sponsored by the Northern California Peace Council, and also advised that a portrait of WILLIAM KERNER by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was advertised for sale at $2 a copy.

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San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 3, 1955, confirmed that subject attended a memorial on July 17, 1955, near Sebastopol, California.

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San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 25, 1952, that the Northern California Peace Council has as its primary objective, the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth by the CP and that the Northern California Peace Council was to serve as a clearinghouse for peace activities in the San Francisco Bay area and the eight Northern California counties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Special Agents of the FBI observed a man enter subject's residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, at 7:17 p.m., June 2, 1955, having driven to this address in an automobile registered to TIMOFEY GOOSEFF.

Special Agents of the FBI observed two unidentified men enter subject's residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, at 9:37 p.m., June 7, 1955, and observed them to leave this address at 9:52 p.m. the same evening. The two individuals arrived in an automobile registered to TIMAFEY RAZVALIAEFF, 1094 DeHaro Street, San Francisco, and en route to this address, visited a dwelling between 1350 and 1362-64 Vermont Street, San Francisco.

Mr. TIMAFEY ANDREYEVICH RAZVALIAEFF, 1094 DeHaro Street, advised SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER on September 30, 1955, that he was born May 5, 1919 in Tiflis, Russia; arrived in the United States at San Francisco on February 1, 1949 from Iran where he was employed as a farmer; is married, his wife's name being STENYA RAZVALIAEFF, and received United States citizenship in the United States District Court, San Francisco, on January 17, 1955. He advised that he has three children; is employed at the Dependable Furniture Manufacturing Company, 45 Williams Avenue, San Francisco, and is a minister in the Molokan Church, 841 Carolina Street, San Francisco.

Mr. RAZVALIAEFF advised that in conjunction with publishing the magazine "Herald of Spiritual Christians Molokan" published once a year by "The Holy Christian Steadfast Molokan Church of California, 841 Carolina Street, San Francisco 7, California", he contacted the Russian newspapers of San Francisco regarding printing and translating material for the above magazine from the Russian language to English. As the newspapers were unable to handle this matter, the Russky Kustar Russian Craftsman Bookstore, 1200 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, was contacted, where one GEORGE BRATOFF recommended LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, as a translator.

Mr. RAZVALIAEFF advised that he met LYDIA ARNAUTOFF in 1954, and saw her on two or three occasions during the latter part of 1954, and saw her on two occasions in 1955, the last being about June, 1955, when accompanied by TIMOFEY GOOSEV. He advised that all contacts with LYDIA ARNAUTOFF were in conjunction with translations for the Molokan magazine, and that after they completed the translations from her in June, 1955, they drove to the home of MIKHAIL LEONTIEFF, who resides on Vermont Street, San Francisco, between 24th and 25th Streets. San Francisco, Cal.

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He stated that he left the translation material with LEONTIEFF and also advised that LEONTIEFF is a member of the San Francisco Molokan Church Board and that his two sons assisted in compiling the church magazine. He stated that he met VICTOR ARNAUTOFF when visiting LYDIA, but that their conversations were very limited.

Mr. RAZVAILIAEFF advised that he was unable to furnish any information regarding either VICTOR or LYDIA ARNAUTOFF and stated that LYDIA charged 50 cents per page for her translation work.

The San Francisco Street Telephone Directory for October, 1955, reflects that MIKE LEONTIEFF resides at 1364 Vermont Street.

The San Francisco indices contain no derogatory information regarding MIKHAIL LEONTIEFF or MIKE LEONTIEFF.

Mr. TIMOFEY MIKAILOVICH GOOSEV, 343 Texas Street, San Francisco, Cal., advised SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER on October 4, 1955, that he was born August 6, 1923 in Akalkalak, Russia; arrived in the United States at New York City, New York, in March, 1949, from Iran where he had operated a farm.

Mr. GOOSEV furnished identical information as that furnished by Mr. TIMAFEY ANDREYEVICH RAZVALIAEFF and advised that he last saw LYDIA ARNAUTOFF in June, 1955, having visited her on two occasions in June, and that on the last occasion, had been accompanied by TIMAFEY RAZVALIAEFF. Mr. GOOSEV advised that he was unable to furnish any information regarding the subject or LYDIA ARNAUTOFF.

SA HENRY D. GRUSH on September 15, 1955, attended the 1955 San Francisco Art Festival at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium and observed that the exhibit of the Graphic Arts Workshop contained, among other pictures, a lithograph caricature likeness of Vice President RICHARD NIXON by VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF.

The San Francisco News (Newspaper) of September 20, 1955, page 3, column 3, carried an article entitled " 'Dix McSmear' is Upheld by NIXON". This article reflects:

> "The right of an artist to satirize or critize a public official was upheld by Vice President Nixon last night as an aftermath of the San Francisco Art Commission's banning a lithograph caricature of Nixon from its festival.
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> "The lithograph, by Stanford art professor Victor Arnautoff, showing Nixon, black-masked and carrying a pumpkin and a bucket of red paint, and titled 'Dix McSmear,' was ordered removed from the festival by Harold Zellerbach, commission president.

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"Nixon detailed his views on caricaturing in a telegram last night to Zellerbach.

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"He said he had just received a full report of the controversy over the Arnautoff lithograph and that although he does not favor using an exposition sponsored by all the people to display partisan political cartoons, he defended the right of individuals to criticize public officials.

" 'Mr. Arnautoff's standing as an artist is attested by the fact that he is on the staff of one of America's great universities and because of the position he holds, his views on any subject have particular significance.

ARTIST HAD RIGHT

" 'While it is probable that a majority of Americans believe that the investigations which led to the conviction of Alger Hiss were properly conducted and beneficial to the nation, Mr. Arnautoff has the right to express a contrary opinion and the people should not be denied a full opportunity to hear or see his expression of that opinion.'

"Zellerback's order banning the lithograph had been criticized by a group of artists as censorship.

"Meanwhile, the Young Democrats of Wisconsin have offered to buy the picture.

"(Artist Arnautoff's states his own views on the 'Dix McSmear' controversy in the lead letter of Pulse of the Public in column 1 of the editorial page, page 13, today)."

The San Francisco News (Newspaper) of September 20, 1955, page 13, column 1, under the caption "Pulse of the Public", "Censorship in Art Festival", contained the following article:

"On September 15th, 1955 my color lithograph 'DIX MC SMEAR' was taken down from the exhibition section of the Art Festival by order of the President of the Art Commission, Harold Zellerbach.

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"As an artist-citizen and resident of San Francisco Bay Area I consider that this action establishes a dangerous precedent. It gives power to one individual to censor the expression of public opinions at a public place, which belongs to the people of all political opinions.

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"Civic Center is the place where different opinions may be presented. The people have the right to accept or to reject a particular point of view.

"In my case, not only I, as an artist-citizen, am deprived of the right to make a statement, but the people of San Francisco are deprived of their right to evaluate my statement.

"If I am deprived of the right to state a viewpoint in pictorial form, it means that all other artists will be deprived of the same right tomorrow.

"As an American artist I protest the removal of my lithograph as an infringement on my freedom of expression and demand that it be returned to its place for the duration of the Art Festival -- VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF."

The San Francisco Chronicle (Newspaper) of September 21, 1955, page 28, column 3, carried an article entitled "Zellerbach Insists His Action Right", which article reflects:

"Harold L. Zellerbach, Art Commission president, who removed a caricature of Vice President Richard Nixon from the Art Festival walls last week, insisted yesterday the public exhibit was an 'inappropriate forum' for display of the lithograph.

"Nixon had telegraphed Zellerbach Monday saying the artist, Victor M. Arnautoff, had a right to display the satiric caricature because he possessed 'the right of individuals to criticize public officials.'

"In a telegram to Nixon yesterday, Zellerbach said:

" 'Since San Francisco Art Festival is a civic project financed entirely by tax funds collected from all the people, those funds should not be used to exploit partisan political viewpoint, regardless of individual or party involved.

" 'Consequently San Francisco Art Festival was inappropriate forum for display of Arnautoff lithograph.' "

Additional articles appeared in the following newspapers regarding the lithograph by VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF that appeared in the San Francisco Art Festival of 1955:

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"Daily Palo Alto Times", page 2, columns 1 and 2, issue of September 19, 1955, entitled "Removal Of Nixon Caricature Protested By Some Artists"

"Daily Palo Alto Times", page 6, column 1, of September 20, 1955, entitled, "Editorials, Ouster More Harmful Than The Picture."

"San Francisco Chronicle" (Newspaper), page 21, editorial page, September 21, 1955, entitled "Censorship Gave Nixon Critic Wider Audience."

"San Francisco Chronicle" (Newspaper), page 19, column 1, September 23, 1955, entitled "The Lively Arts Nixon-Arnautoff Case. To Have Many Echoes," by ALFRED FRANKENSTEIN.

"San Francisco News" (Newspaper), editorial page, column 1 of July 26, 1955, letter for Pulse of the Public.

"San Francisco Examiner" (Newspaper), page 14, column 5, editorial page, September 24, 1955.

"Daily People's World" (Newspaper), page 6, columns 1 and 2, September 23, 1955, which is captioned, "Arnautoff Teaches Labor School Class" and which also reflects information regarding the lithograph of subject.

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 30, 1955, furnished a leaflet entitled "Art Removed", setting forth information regarding the removal of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's caricature of Vice President RICHARD NIXON from the San Francisco Art Festival, San Francisco, on September 15, 1955. The leaflet reflected "Please address your protest to: San Francisco Art Festival, 45 Grove Street, San Francisco 2, California."

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Attached to the leaflet was a petition entitled "We, the undersigned, believe that freedom of expression is a cherished tradition in our country, which must be defended as an essential condition for the development of the arts.

We therefore protest the arbitrary removal of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's lithograph from the San Francisco Art Festival. For the protection of the Festival, and of the life of all artists, we demand that this censorship action be rescinded, and that no work of art be removed from the exhibition without proper deliberation in accordance with the established rules of eligibility and procedures of the Art Festival."

SF T-3 on September 22, 1955, furnished a copy of the leaflet entitled "Art Removal" regarding the above mentioned caricature and also a copy of the above mentioned petition entitled "We, the undersigned", which was distributed in the California Labor School.

"The Daily Worker", January 3, 1949, page 7, columns 1 and 2, carried an article entitled "Signers Of Open Letter To End House Un-American Committee" and reflected that 313 educators, writers, scientists, artists and clergymen signed an open letter to members of the 81st Congress urging abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee. "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, San Francisco", was listed as a signer.

"The Daily Worker" of December 10, 1952, page 4, carried an article which reflects that "280 National Leaders Ask Truman Amnesty Jailed Communists," which was an appeal requesting the President to grant amnesty to the leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act and that the request had been made by 280 prominent Americans, which request was forwarded to President Truman by Reverend KENNETH RIPLEY FORBES of Philadelphia. Among the listed signers was "Dr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, President Russian American Society, San Francisco".

"The Daily Worker" of October 20, 1954, page 2, columns 1, 2, 3, 4, and page 6, columns 4, 5, carried an article entitled "175 Notables In Open Letter To President Urge Amnesty For Smith Act Victims". Among the listed signers was "Prof. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, Calma, Calif."

The Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California for 1948, page 47, reflects that "Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications are....The Daily Worker, New York Communist daily newspaper, circulated nationally."

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SF T-1 is [redacted]	V. ARNAUTOFF Pres. RAS, 1955	6/7/55	G.D.COAKLEY	[redacted]
	CP meeting 8/10/55 "Branch Eleven"	8/25/55	"	
	" 8/17/55	8/25/55	"	
	" 8/31/55	9/2/55	"	
	" 9/28/55	10/3/55	S.F.FEWSTER	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	RAS Ex. Bd Meeting 8/5/55	8/25/55	G.D.COAKLEY	
	RAS mtg. 8/12/55	8/25/55	"	[redacted]
	Delegation to greet Sov. officials 8/16/55	8/25/55	"	
	RAS Ex. Bd. Meeting 8/19/55	8/25/55	"	
	RAS mtg. 8/26/55	8/25/55	"	
	RAS mtg. 9/9/55	10/3/55	S.F.FEWSTER	
	RAS Ex. Bd. 9/30/55	10/3/55	"	
SF T-2 is [redacted]	Women's Art Show, 5/22/55	6/10/55	P.F.SHARKEY	100-6359-1515
SF T-3 is [redacted]	"Fiesta for Jenny" 6/17/55	6/23/55	W.H.WEBB	[redacted]
	Memorial 7/17/55, sponsored by NCPC	8/1/55	"	
	Leaflet "Art Removed"	9/22/55	"	
SF T-4 is Former requested identity be concealed	CLS 1955 Fall schedule	9/7/55	L.F.TULLY	

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SF T-5 is [redacted]	Furnished "Peace News" for Aug. 1955	8/25/55	D.L.COFFIN	[redacted]
SF T-6 is [redacted]	7/17/55 Festival by NCPC	8/3/55	R.W.JEFFERIS	[redacted]
SF T-7 is [redacted]	NCPC Thumbnail	7/25/52	W.L.WHITNEY	100-28875-85 p. 17
SF T-8 is [redacted]	Leaflet "Art Removed"	9/30/55	D.A.MERRILL	[redacted]

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J. M. WUSLICH
observed auto reg. to
TIMAFEY GOOSEFF — 100-6359-1383

Fisur 6/7/55 conducted by SAS R. R. BREWER
E. M. SMITH
W. B. SAVAGE — 100-6359-1421

The subject is a Security Index subject. The Security Index card on file has been reviewed and is correct and current.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow the activities of the subject through established sources and informants.

REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 8/26/55, at San Francisco

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 22, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The above-mentioned subject is the individual who prepared the cartoon which evoked national publicity growing out of the Stanford University Art Exhibit. Bob King, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, had made inquiry regarding Arnautoff and was furnished the basic facts.

King called me on October 18 to advise that the Vice President had heard that we were investigating him with the view of starting denaturalization proceedings. As this can be very embarrassing to the Vice President, particularly in view of the personal controversy he had with Arnautoff, the Vice President wondered exactly what the situation was.

After checking, I told King that we had been checking on Arnautoff from time to time and that we had learned that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (I&NS), as early as 1951, was considering denaturalization; that any action in the way of denaturalization would be initiated by I&NS and this might be a matter that they might wish to take up directly with I&NS or with William Rogers.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 11/3/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A highly confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, whose identity may not be disclosed, (documentation anonymous - use T symbol), advised on 11/1/55 that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, President of Russian American Society, Incorporated, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, contacted the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. in order to offer his greetings and best wishes on the 38th Anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution.

Above for information of Bureau and San Francisco.

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Victor Arnautoff is SF artist who drew derogatory cartoon of Vice President Nixon for SF art exhibit. Is on Security Index. SF office of INS advised 9-28-55 that they had opened files for investigation considering denaturalization proceedings against Arnautoff but no investigation had been conducted to that date. Attached memorandum from AAG Olney indicates INS has initiated active investigation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nease
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November 16, 1955

FROM : Warren Olney, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

WO:JJC:mc

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF
Possible revocation proceedings

146-7-11-730

In reference to your memorandum of October 12 there is attached a copy of our memorandum of November 9 to the Executive Assistant to the Attorney General.

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FROM

Department of Justice

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

November 16, 1955.

Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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In further reference to the above case we are informed by the Assistant Commissioner, Investigations Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, that the matter is under active investigation and consideration.

cc: The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	JAN 9 1956	10/24;11/24; 12/6,14,22/55	STANLEY F. FEWSTER - bjn
TITLE			CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.			INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subject member of "Branch Eleven," Communist Party, and attended two meetings in October 1955. Attended seven RAS meetings from October to December 2, 1955; contacted Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. and offered greetings and best wishes on 38th Anniversary of October Revolution as RAS President and personally attended on invitation of Soviet Ambassador ZARUBIN. Visited ARI of San Francisco in September-November 1955 and attended lecture at ARI on October 7, 1955. Attended activities of CLS, NCCPFB and DPW in October 1955. Interviewed by President of Stanford University, October 7, 1955, in connection publicity regarding lithograph entitled "DICK McSMEAR" and Stanford University Advisory Board on October 18, 1955. Interview reflects subject refused to answer or discuss the question of Communist Party membership but admitted being member Board of Directors, ARI; teacher at CLS; greeted and entertained Russian visitors, and on sponsor list of Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born. Additional results set forth.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The December 1955 San Francisco Street Address-Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and as having telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

The Communist Party (U. S. A.) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the subject continues to be a member of "Branch Eleven" of the Communist Party of San Francisco and attended two such meetings during the month of October 1955.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1 has reported that the subject attended seven meetings of the RAS during the period of October to December 2, 1955, inclusive, three of which were meetings of the Executive Board.

San Francisco T-1, on November 4, 1955, advised that General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF gave a lecture on "Keys to World Events, Disarmament and Peace" on October 6, 1955 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which was attended by approximately fifty people, including the subject. Informant advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the California Labor School and the American Russian Institute of San Francisco, and subject made short welcoming speeches. RUSSIA CAL. CAL.

The "Daily People's World" of October 4, 1955, page seven, carried an article reflecting that General YAKHONTOFF would discuss Soviet disarmament on October 6, 1955 at the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, at 8:00 p.m. and was sponsored by the California Labor School and the Russian American Society. CAL

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The Fourth Report, House Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Page 47, reflects that "Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications...the 'Daily People's World'."

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 7, 1955 advised that a lecture was held on October 6, 1955 featuring General YAKHONTOFF at the California Labor School which was attended by a number of persons, including the subject who made a short speech. Informant advised that General YAKHONTOFF was described as a former Czarist General Staff Officer, recent United Nations Consultant, author of "Russia and the Soviet Union in the Far East" and other books.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 1, 1955 that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, President of the Russian American Society, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, contacted the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., in order to offer his greetings and best wishes on the 38th Anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution.

San Francisco T-1 on November 15, 1955 advised that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF had flown to Washington, D. C. and attended the celebration of the Anniversary of the October Revolution at the Soviet Embassy on the invitation of Soviet Ambassador ZARUBIN. Informant believes that the celebration was held on November 7, 1955 and that the ARNAUTOFFs left San Francisco on or about November 4, 1955. It is his opinion that the ARNAUTOFFs paid their own transportation expenses from San Francisco to Washington, D. C. and return. CAL. D.C.

San Francisco T-1 also advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had made the statement that he had visited with the Russian Writers Delegation on their recent visit to San Francisco. T-1 was unaware of the date or the purpose of the visit.

LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, on November 24, 1955 advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that the office records reflect that ARNAUTOFF was teaching classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the current school quarter and that it would not have been necessary for an instructor to clear with the office for an absence of a week to ten days from classes. Her records failed to reflect that ARNAUTOFF had been

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absent at any time during the school quarter. Miss OWEN contacted the Secretary of the Art Department for a record of any brief absence on the part of ARNAUTOFF and learned that ARNAUTOFF was absent on November 4 and November 7, 1955. She pointed out that by this absence of two days from regularly scheduled classes, ARNAUTOFF would have been free from 5:00 p.m., November 2, 1955 to 1:00 p.m., November 9, 1955.

Mr. DON ROBEY EARLEY, Trans-World Airlines, Inc., 234 Stockton Street, San Francisco, on December 6, 1955 advised SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER that Mr. and Mrs. V. ARNAUTOFF left San Francisco on Flight 76, November 3, 1955, enroute to Washington, D. C. and transferred at Chicago, Illinois to Flight 86 of Trans-World Airlines on that same date. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. V. ARNAUTOFF returned to San Francisco, California from Washington, D. C. on Flight No. 1 on November 8, 1955. Information in their records reflected that Mr. and Mrs. V. ARNAUTOFF could be contacted at PLaza 5-0472. CAL WASH, D.C.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO (ARI)

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco (ARI) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed that the subject visited the ARI of San Francisco, 90 McAllister Street, on September 27, October 4 and November 1, 1955.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 7, 1955 that General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF spoke on the theme "Peace and Disarmament" at the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, on October 5, 1955, which was attended by approximately sixty people including the subject.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The California Labor School (CLS) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 10, 1955 advised that a movie made in the USSR in 1950 on the life of one PAVLOV was shown at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on October 7, 1955, which was attended by the subject. RUSSIA CAL.

San Francisco T-5 on October 24, 1955 advised that the subject had also attended a moving picture film showing at the CLS on October 14, 1955, the two films being about Mexico.

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 1, 1955 advised that a "Win the Peace Workshop Conference" was held at the CLS on October 16, 1955 being sponsored jointly by the CLS and the Northern California Peace Council. The subject attended the above conference.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL

San Francisco T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 25, 1952 that the Northern California Peace Council has as its primary objective the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth by the Communist Party and the NCPC was to serve as a clearing house for peace activities in the San Francisco Bay area and the eight Northern California counties.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 2, 1955 furnished a "Win the Peace Workshop Conference"leaflet which reflects that the conference was sponsored by the California Labor School and the Northern California Peace Council and was to be held on October 16, 1955 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. The leaflet reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was listed as one of the "consultants" under the caption, "World Peace Council, Culture For Co-Existence, East-West Exchange of Cultural Delegations."

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 24, 1955 advised that subject attended a "Win the Peace Workshop Conference" at the California Labor School on October 16, 1955.

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San Francisco T-8, on November 2, 1955, advised that a concert was held on October 29, 1955 at 443 Broadway Street, San Francisco, for the benefit of the California Labor School which was attended by the subject.

Special Agents of the FBI observed that subject visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, in which building the California Labor School and the Russian American Society, Inc. are the only tenants, on October 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, and 20 of 1955.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (ACPFB)

The American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-12 on April 6, 1955 advised that each local chapter of the Northern California Committee For Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) executes the policy of the national organization in their respective areas and campaigns to prevent deportation of aliens. Another example of co-ordination with the ACPFB is periodic sponsorship of speaking trips of ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the ACPFB. CAG.

San Francisco T-6 on November 1, 1955 advised that a Festival of Nationalities was held on October 22, 1955 at 1819 - 10th Street, Berkeley, California, and was sponsored by the Committee For Protection of Foreign Born. Informant advised that among those present was Mr. ARNAUTOFF.

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 9, 1955 advised that the Third Annual Festival of Nationalities was held on October 22, 1955 under the auspices of the NCCPFB at 1819 - 10th Street, Berkeley, California and was attended by the subject. T-9 reported that the rally was to repeal the Walter McCarran Law and to defend the rights of the foreign-born Americans.

San Francisco T-2 on October 28, 1955 confirmed that the subject attended the above festival on October 22, 1955.

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San Francisco T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 24, 1955 furnished a press release prepared by the American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born concerning its "23rd Annual National Conference" to be held in Detroit, Michigan on December 10, 11, 1955. The release reflects that ninety prominent Americans joined to sponsor the 23rd National Conference. Among those listed was "Dr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, California."

San Francisco T-1 on December 5, 1955 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the Russian American Society Executive Board meeting on November 11, 1955 read several letters from the Committee For Protection of Foreign Born and the Northern California Committee For Protection of Foreign Born advising of a National Conference to be held and which requested contributions.

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD"

The Fourth Report, House Un-American Activities in California, 1948, page 47, reflects that "Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications...the 'Daily People's World'."

San Francisco T-5 on September 26, 1955 advised the "Daily People's World" Bazaar was held September 25, 1955 in the basement of the California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco, which was attended by a number of individuals including the subject.

San Francisco T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 12, 1955 advised that subject attended a "Daily People's World" benefit dinner on October 8, 1955 at 730 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 24, 1955 furnished a memorandum of J. E. WALLACE STERLING, President of Stanford University, CAL.

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dated October 7, 1955 which reflected that Professor ARNAUTOFF visited the office of the President of Stanford University at 11:00 a.m., October 7, 1955, at the invitation of President STERLING. The memorandum reflects that publicity regarding the lithograph entitled, "DICK McSMEAR" had evoked questions regarding the subject and his associates and that President STERLING felt a responsibility to obtain answers to questions and charges that had been made. President STERLING advised the subject "In these post-war years of tension many universities have been concerned about issues concerning academic responsibility and academic freedom; that the Association of American Universities had had a committee study these issues and make a report; that this report was reviewed by the members of the Association and subsequently published." Mr. STERLING advised subject that in addition to participating in the AAU study that he (Mr. STERLING) had appointed a committee of Stanford faculty to study these same issues and that this committee had prepared a statement which Mr. STERLING had reported to the faculty and the Board of Trustees. Mr. STERLING advised the subject that this statement was not generally distributed to the faculty but was accessible to faculty members in the files of the President's Office.

Mr. STERLING read Section VIII of the report prepared by this faculty committee to the subject, which is as follows:

"8. That where, in the judgment of the President of the University, serious charges of incompetence or unlawful activities are made against a member, or where official investigations charge not only unpopular opinions and associations, but actual incompetence or unlawful actions, the member so charged shall, at the request of the President of the University, discuss the facts of his case fully and frankly with the Advisory Board of the University, the findings of the Advisory Board to be submitted to the President. The Advisory Board in such cases shall act pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Articles of Organization of the Faculty (Chapter VI, Section 3 -- a) 'The Advisory Board shall advise the President concerning any matters which he may choose to refer to it.') and shall take advantage of every available source of evidence, and of all necessary expert advice, bearing in mind that incompetence and lack of objectivity in any field of learning can best be judged by a teacher's professional peers. In the event of failure of a member to appear before the Board, or to disclose fully the facts of his case, the Advisory Board is still bound to report its findings to the President on the basis of available evidence."

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Mr. STERLING reminded Professor ARNAUTOFF that both he and Vice President NIXON had asserted his (ARNAUTOFF's) citizen's right as an artist to express his political point of view and asked him what political point of view he was attempting to express in the lithograph "DICK McSMEAR." Professor ARNAUTOFF replied that he was not commenting so much on any particular incident or event as he was commenting on "McCARTHYISM" in general and said that his political point of view as expressed in this lithograph may have stemmed from his reaction to an incident that occurred in a public meeting in San Mateo (California) in 1954, the precise date of which he was not certain, and at which Vice President NIXON was the speaker. Professor ARNAUTOFF indicated that he did not attend this meeting but understands, however, that at a pause in Vice President NIXON's speech a member of the audience asked Mr. NIXON to tell them something about dogs and that the questioner was unceremoniously ejected from the meeting.

President STERLING stated to Professor ARNAUTOFF that in the minds of some, the lithograph, with its visible reference to the pumpkin papers that were prominent in the HISS-CHAMBERS dispute, suggested that the artist was making a comment on the HISS case. Mr. STERLING asked subject if he thought there had been a miscarriage of justice in the HISS trial and sentence and was advised by the subject that he thought there was not sufficient evidence to convict HISS of perjury. ARNAUTOFF added that the evidence antecedent to the trial suggested to him that HISS had been made a victim of persecution.

Mr. STERLING asked Professor ARNAUTOFF the following questions:

1. Are you at this time a member of the Communist Party?

   Subject refused to answer or discuss the question.

2. Are you a sponsor and instructor at the California Labor School?

   Subject replied that he was not on the Board but was an instructor in art there and had been so "since the late 1940's."

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Are you aware that the California Labor School was on the Attorney General's list?

Subject stated that he had heard that it was on that list but that he had not seen the list. He then stated he would refuse to answer further questions on this point since in his judgment it was not in the realm of Mr. STERLING's presidential responsibilities to ask such questions.

Is the California Labor School a Communist Party training school?

Subject refused to answer.

Mr. STERLING asked why subject taught at the Labor School and was advised by the subject that he did not wish to discuss that matter but added that he would teach art at any place from which he gets a request for his services as an art instructor.

3. Are you connected with the Russian-American Society? S. FRANCISCO, CAL.

Subject stated that he is now its Chairman and has been connected with it since the war and went on to say that the RAS was established to promote friendly relations between the U. S. and the USSR and that it stands for peace and friendship between the two countries.

4. Do you have any connections with the American Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born?

Subject declined to answer.

5. Do you have any connection with the American Russian Institute?

Subject advised that he is now a member and has been since the war.

Are you aware that this organization is on the Attorney General's List?

Subject refused to answer.

Do you have knowledge that the American Russian Institute is and has been a Communist or subversive organization?

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Subject refused to answer.

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Does the American Russian Institute have any official relationship with official Russian circles and why he was associated with the organization.

Subject refused to answer.

6. Have you advocated a termination of the House Un-American Activities Committee?

Subject refused to answer.

7. Did you join in a petition to President TRUMAN asking amnesty for Communist leaders who were at that time in jail?

Subject refused to answer.

8. Mr. STERLING advised Professor ARNAUTOFF that it had come to his attention that, on the occasion of a recent visit of Russian farmers to this country, he had participated in the ceremony which greeted them with the old Russian custom of offering bread and salt. Mr. STERLING asked if this were true and if he had had associations with other visitors from Russia.

Subject stated "Yes" and explained his answer as follows:

As chairman of the RAS, which he explained wishes to promote friendly relations between the U. S. and the USSR, he sometimes sees other Russian visitors to the end that better relations can be promoted and that most of his associations of this sort have to do with the promotion of improved relations in the cultural fields.

Had you met with members of the Soviet delegation to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945?

Subject said that he had met with some of them as had many other residents in the peninsula area.

Have you met with members of the Soviet delegation to the Anniversary session of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1955?

Subject advised that he had as chairman of the RAS and had extended verbally an invitation to them on behalf of the Society.

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Subject was then asked if he had seen the leaders of the delegation to which he said that he preferred not to specify whom he had seen.

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9. Have you had any association with anyone who could be identified as an official or agent of the Soviet Government?

Subject replied that as President of the RAS he had such associations in matters dealing with cultural exchanges in the promotion of friendly relations between the U. S. and the USSR and that this association was usually by mail, although sometimes it was directly with Soviet Embassy personnel.

10. Are you now in any sense an agent of the Russian Government?

Subject stated "No."

11. How much time do you devote to these non-Stanford interests and activities?

Subject estimated that he did not spend more than one day per week on them.

12. Mr. STERLING stated to Professor ARNAUTOFF that many persons participated in activities not directly connected with their occupation or profession and that such participants had motivation for doing so. Professor ARNAUTOFF was asked what his motivation was for participation in these non-Stanford activities.

Subject replied that there exists not only a possibility but also an absolute necessity for the U. S. and the USSR to deal with each other in ways that permit peaceful settlement of outstanding issues and that for the attainment of this end information and understanding are required.

San Francisco T-13 on October 24, 1955 furnished a memorandum of the interview of Professor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF with the Stanford University Advisory Board at its regular meeting on October 18, 1955. This memorandum reflects that the Chairman, Professor FAVILLE, opened the interview by explaining in a brief and friendly fashion the purpose of the interview as a means of explaining certain questions that had been raised concerning Professor ARNAUTOFF's activities. The question and answers are set out verbatim as follows:

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"Professor Faville:

"Q. Would you care to explain what you sought to express in the controversial lithograph of Vice President Nixon? "A. Mr. Arnautoff wished to comment upon McCarthyism. The lithograph was started about one year ago (it is a long process), shortly after an incident at the Republican campaign meeting at San Mateo at which Mr. Nixon was a speaker (the incident was the ejection of a heckler); Mr. Arnautoff thought the incident was an expression of McCarthyism. A reference made at the meeting to Alger Hiss was not, in the opinion of Mr. Arnautoff, fair, and he added the pumpkin to the cartoon to draw attention to this. He was not present at the meeting but drew his information on what occurred from press reports.

"Q. Are you aware of the Racht column in (the Herald-Express) in Los Angeles? A. No.

"Q. Were you aware that the lithograph might cause embarrassment to the University? A. No. Mr. Arnautoff thought it had nothing to do with the University. He stated that the press had caused the current stir and that he had exhibited it on two previous occasions with no unusual notice (at his one-man show in the hall of the Russian-American Society in San Francisco and at the Art Festival in Berkeley last spring).

"Q. Are you a member of the Russian-American Society? A. Yes.

"Q. What are the objectives of the Russian-American Society? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that the Society was incorporated during the war to help in the allied war effort, and that now its interests are primarily cultural and concerned with promoting friendly relations between the United States and Russia.

"Q. How does the Russian-American Society differ from the American-Russian Institute? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that the American-Russian Institute is national in scope, that it is older than the Russian-American Society, that it maintains a library and tries to supply information about Russia.

"Q. Do you hold any position in the American-Russian Institute? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he is a member of the Board of Directors.

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"Q. Are you aware that the Russian-American Society is on the Attorney-General's list of subversive organizations? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he did not know whether the San Francisco group (the Russian-American Society as distinguished from the American-Russian Institute) was on such a list.

"Q. Have you advocated the termination of the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities? A. Mr. Arnautoff believed that he did.

"Q. What is your connection with the California Labor School? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he taught an art class there seven or eight or perhaps five years ago and that he now teaches such a class.

"Q. Are you at present a member of the Communist Party? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he felt he could not answer this question and that he had prepared a statement of his views on this point (statement attached).

"Q. Have you participated in greeting and entertaining Russian visitors? A. Yes. Mr. Arnautoff stated that the Russian-American Society participated in the entertainment of Russian delegates at the time of the formation of the United Nations Organization, and that as president of the Society he was again involved in invitations for such entertainment of delegates at the time of the tenth anniversary celebration of the United Nations in June although time did not permit delegates to accept these invitations.

"Q. You are classified as a 'White Russian'; how do you feel about association with representatives of the Communist government? A. Mr. Arnautoff indicated that at the time of his service in the Czarist army there was no idea of democracy in Russia, that his opinions underwent various changes with time, and that he has respect for what has been done in Russia since the revolution.

"Q. Statements in the Daily Worker indicate that you signed statements urging President Truman to release Communists then held in jail. Is this true? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he believed this to be true.

"Q. Have you any association with agents of the Russian government? A. No.

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"Q. Do you in any way consider yourself an agent of the Russian government? A. No. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he has had correspondence regarding an exhibit of children's art from the Soviet Union and that he has been trying to interest organizations in making an exchange of children's art of the United States and Russia.

"Q. Can you understand that doing these various things over a period of years might lead the man in the street to think that you are following the Communist Party line? A. No.

"Q. Have you any statement to make in defense of yourself? A. Mr. Arnautoff answered that he thought that there was no occasion for any defense since he did not see that he had done anything requiring such defense.

"Professor Skilling:

"Q. Do you consider yourself a full-time member of the Stanford faculty? A.. Yes.

"Q. What responsibilities do you consider this entails on your part? What do you as a member of the faculty owe to the University? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he believed he should give the best of his abilities to students' education in the subject he is teaching.

"Q. You teach courses to the exteht of three afternoons a week? A. Yes, this quarter; other quarters mornings and afternoons - laboratory courses.

"Q. Is it also part of your responsibility to meet students individually? A. Yes.

"Q. Do you keep regular office hours this quarter? Yes; MWF 11-12.

"Q. Do the students know thatyou are regularly a vailable during these hours? Do they come to see you? About how many per week? A. Yes; yes. Mr. Arnautoff said that he has two students taking individual work and that others drop in from time to time.

"Q. Do you advise students regarding registration? Are you here regularly on registration days? A. No; no.

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"Q. Do you feel that your connection with the University has any influence on what you do when you are off the campus - say in San Francisco? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he feels his name is connected with Stanford, but that he never takes advantage of or publicizes this fact; that his name was well-known before he was connected with Stanford and that not many people in San Francisco connect him with Stanford.

"Q. Do you feel any loyalty to the University and its welfare? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that of course he does and that he is proud of his membership in the Stanford faculty; that he feels proud because of the freedom for which Stanford stands; that if this freedom were destroyed his attitude might change; that first of all he is a citizen, and that a man's responsibilities as a citizen outweigh any other responsibility.

"Q. Does your loyalty to the University influence your actions? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he did not know how to answer.

"Q. Do you consider the effect your acts might have on the name of the University? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that this was hard to say, that he has letters from Congressmen and others commending him.

"Q. I mean does your connection with the University make you think of any consequences your acts might have on the name of the University? A. Yes. Mr. Arnautoff added that the responsibilities of a citizen come first.

"Q. Do you think that a faculty man should be careful in his public acts to show discretion and good judgement? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that every citizen must do this.

"Q. Do you think that a faculty man should be careful not to involve the University in difficulties and subject it to criticism? A. Yes, unless fundamental principles are involved.

"Q. Do you agree that each faculty man owes loyalty to the University? A. Mr. Arnautoff asked if he had to answer that question? He then asked what professor Skilling meant by loyalty in this sense.

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"Q. As to loyalty, I mean a concern for its (the University's) welfare. Do you feel a loyalty to the United States? A. I do.

"Q. (Professor Faville) You are an American citizen are you not? A. Yes.

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"Q. (Professor Skilling continuing) Perhaps you feel a loyalty to some church or religion - I do not ask which church or religion. A. Mr. Arnautoff indicated that he thought this question was irrelevant.

"Q. (Professor Skilling continuing) Apart from your loyalty to the United States, and to a church or religion, do you feel a loyalty to any other organization that is stronger or more binding than your loyalty to Stanford University? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that a love for humanity was such a higher loyalty.

"Q. Loyalty to any party, organization, society; any cause, or political movement, or agency, or social movement? A. Mr. Arnautoff made references to loyalties that were consistent with the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

"Q. What sequence of loyalties? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he placed humanity first; as to how such a loyalty might be activated or 'accomplished' he did not know.

"Q. Do you place loyalty to any organization, party, etc. above loyalty to the University? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he did not provided the University functions properly; if it does not so function, he would be critical of what was being done and believed it his privilege to be critical; he made reference to the 'fundamental law of the country' (presumably the Constitution and Bill of Rights previously cited).

"Q. I take it that you are not prepared to give an explicit answer to the question about any loyalty to an organization or party that you place above loyalty to Stanford. A. Mr. Arnautoff replied that he thought he had answered this question in many ways and that perhaps he did not understand exactly what the questioner had in mind. He made reference to the fact that English was not his native tongue.

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"Q. Suppose there were a conflict between Stanford's interest and that of some other organization, would you put Stanford first? A. Mr. Arnautoff replied that if Stanford gave the best education, yes; if some other institution like Howard (he may possibly have said 'Harvard'), or some other, gives a better education he would prefer that institution.

"Q. You would not act in a way likely to be harmful to Stanford? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he would do his best to teach art; otherwise he did not consider the question pertinent.

"(Note: Professor Skilling's opinion was that Mr. Arnautoff had in effect declined to answer these last few questions and so stated. Mr. Arnautoff said in substance that he would support Stanford as long as he believed Stanford to be right.)

"Dean Winbigler:

"Q. In connection with your remarks about the lithograph you mentioned some unfairness in the handling of the Hiss case. Would you care to elaborate? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that his knowledge of the case was only from press reports, that the question of fairness was a question not only in his mind but in the mind of others, inparticular he mentioned 'some Englishman' who had written a book about the case.

"Q. Do you have in mind any specific point of unfairness? A. Mr. Arnautoff said that he did not have the case fully in mind and that he would have to review the literature to recall the circumstances.

"Q. You mentioned some limitations in preparing such a list as the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations; do you care to speak of these? A. Mr. Arnautoff spoke of the objections to unsatisfactory, incomplete, and unreliable information upon which listings have allegedly been made. He stated that charges of subversion should be proved in court and that, if such charges were so proved about a school with which he was connected, then he would have to choose between it and Stanford.

"Q. Do you find anything in the obligations of membership in the Communist Party incompatible with good American citizenship? A. Mr. Arnautoff thought that this was not a proper question and stated, further, that he did not know what the obligations of membership in the Communist Party were.

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"Professor DuShane:

"Q. Was the memorandum of your interview with President Sterling, which he sent to you for review, correct? A. Yes.

"Professor Faville:

"Q. Do you have any connection with the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born? A. Mr. Arnautoff stated that he is on the sponsor list.

"Q. Were you ever president of the American-Russian Institute? A. No.

"There were no further questions, and the interview came to an end.

"
Secretary, Advisory Board"

San Francisco T-13 on October 24, 1955 furnished a letter dated October 18, 1955 signed by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF which is as follows:

"October 18, 1955

"On October 7th on invitation from Dr. Sterling I came to his office to discuss the events which followed the removal of my lithograph from the San Francisco Art Festival.

"Dr. Sterling read to me Section 8 of report prepared by a faculty committee:

"'8 That where, in the judgement of the President of the University, serious charges of incompetence or unlawful activities are made against a member, or where official investigations charge not only unpopular opinions and associations, but actual incompetence or unlawful actions, the member so charged shall... discuss the facts of his case fully and frankly with the Advisory Board of the University...'

"It was not clearly stated who made the charges, but reference was made to different newspaper clippings sent to Dr. Sterling by persons unknown to me.

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"No question was raised by Dr. Sterling concerning my incompetence, but only questions concerning my political beliefs and associations with different organizations and personalities.

"I think I answered adequately the questions about my associations but declined to answer questions related to my political beliefs, because they have no relation to #8, in which reference is made to incompetence and unlawful activities only.

"All my actions as an artist and a citizen were motivated by the concept of American democracy, as formulated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

"It is obvious that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights must be practiced in order to remain a creative vital force in the democratic process. From time to time attempts are made by fascist minded groups to deprive people of their cherished freedom.

"In times like these all citizens irrespective of their political philosophy must defend the rights of others guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The defense of the rights of others is not a privilege, but the duty of every self-respecting citizen.

"I consider it my duty to decline to answer the question: 'Are you or are you not a member of the Communist Party?'

"To question my political thinking is to exert pressure and intimidation on my freedom of thought and expression. To answer this type of question on my part means not only to surrender my freedom, but also to abandon the defense of the freedom of others.

"I cannot answer this type of question without loosing my self-respect.

"/s/VICTOR ARNAUTOFF"

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	Festival of Nationalities, 10/22/55	10/28/55	" " "	
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SF T-5 is [redacted]	CLS movie 10/7/55	10/10/55	D. A. MERRILL	[redacted]
	CLS movie 10/14/55	10/24/55	" " "	
	DPW Bazaar, 9/25/55	9/26/55	" " "	
SF T-6 is [redacted]	Win The Peace Workshop Conf. 10/16/55	11/1/55	R. W. JEFFERIS	
	Attendance at Festival of All Nationalities, 10/22/55	11/1/55	" " "	
SF T-7 is [redacted]	Win the Peace Workshop, 10/16/55	11/2/55	F. S. PERRONE	[redacted]
SF T-8 is [redacted]	Win the Peace Workshop, 10/16/55	10/24/55	W. H. WEBB	
	CLS Benefit, 10/29/55	11/2/55	" " "	

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SF T-10 is [redacted]	Sponsor 23rd Annual Conf. of ACPFB, 12/10,11/55	10/24/55	E. K. DEANE & S. E. F. W. MILLER, N. Y.	100-3620 (NY) 100-6359-1620 (SF)
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SF T-12 is [redacted]	Ident of NCC PFB	4/6/55	W. RICHMOND	100-28875-126
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SA THOMAS McGOLDRICK	10/6/55	100-9884-(C-4)
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SA THOMAS McGOLDRICK	10/11/55	100-9884-(C-7)
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RICHARD E. STEPHENS 10/20/55 100-9884-(C-14)

San Francisco T-1 on November 4, 1955 furnished three issues of the Russian language pamphlet entitled "For A Return To The Homeland" identified as number six published in July 1955 and numbers seven and nine published in August 1955. Translator TZIEREL GURMAN has advised that these pamphlets were published in Berlin, Germany and listed I. MURATOV as editor. Information regarding these pamphlets is being reported in a separate case file, namely, SF 105-3297, captioned "Committee 'For A Return To The Homeland', IS-R."

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Will continue to follow the activities of the subject through [redacted] and established informants mentioned in this report.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif., and employed as teacher of art, Stanford University. Requested and granted sabbatical leave 9/1/56 to 8/31/57. Intends to stay about six months in Paris, France for purpose of expanding and systematizing his notes and knowledge of lithograph printing from stones. Subject member of "The Eleven" Branch, CP, and attended three meetings during period December, 1955-January, 1956. Attended three RAS Executive Board meetings during period 12/16/55-1/27/56, inclusive. Re-elected President, RAS for 1956. Attended activities of CEDC, CLS, at which he is instructor for Winter Term, 1956, NCPC and interested in publication "For The Return To The Homeland" published in Berlin.

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The February, 1956, San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif. and as having Telephone No. Plaza 5-0472.

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AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is connected with Stanford University, on 1/26/56 advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF continued to be employed as a teacher of art at Stanford University. T-1 also advised that a request had been received from ARNAUTOFF requesting sabbatical leave.

T-1 on February 1, 1956, furnished SA FRED R. ELLEDGE a copy of ARNAUTOFF's letter dated January 20, 1956, which is set out verbatim:

"Dept. of Art and Architecture
Stanford University

"Use to be made of sabbatical year.

"I intend to stay about six months in Paris, France, for the purpose of expanding and systematizing my notes and knowledge of lithograph printing from stones.

"I intend to devote another six months to painting and studying the realist tradition in American art of the past centuries as it is represented in the museums of the United States.

"Enlarging my knowledge in both of these fields will contribute a great deal to my teaching at Stanford.

"VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
(signed)"

T-1 advised that the University had sent a letter to the subject which was dated January 30, 1956, advising him that his request for sabbatical leave had been granted on the sole basis that he had served a sufficient number of years to entitle him to such leave. T-1 expressed the thought that this particular phraseology would be disturbing to ARNAUTOFF since it would strongly imply that his employment would not be continued.

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LILLIAN OWEN, Executive Secretary, President's Office, Stanford University, on February 15, 1956, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF will be on sabbatical leave from September 1, 1956 to August 31, 1957, inclusive, and that during this period he will be on half salary which will amount to $187.50 per month. She advised that before leaving on sabbatical leave, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF must continue his present teaching assignment until at least June 13, 1956.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 4, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had told him that there was a possibility that he might leave San Francisco in the near future as Stanford University might not renew his contract to teach due to his painting of the caricature of Vice President RICHARD NIXON. ARNAUTOFF advised T-2 that he intended to request a one year leave of absence and that he plans to go to New York and look for a new job.

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 reported that the subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the CP of San Francisco and attended three such meetings during the months of December, 1955, and January, 1956.

The San Francisco Chronicle Newspaper of January 28, 1956, Page 4, Column 1, in an article regarding the California Labor School, reflects that Mrs. FOREST M. JEFFERS, 581 25th Avenue, a social worker, joined the Party (CP) in "1942 or 1943" and that Mrs. JEFFERS testified at the current U. S. Subversive Activities Control Board Hearings in San Francisco. Mrs. JEFFERS, according to the newspaper article, named VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, the artist who started a local furor last year with a colored lithograph of Vice President RICHARD M. NIXON, entitled "DICK MC SMEAR," as being a member of the Party (CP) during the time of her membership.

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RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 has reported that the subject attended three meetings of the RAS Executive Board during the period of December 16, 1955, to January 27, 1956, inclusive, and on January 27, 1956, was re-elected as President of the RAS for the year 1956.

T-2 advised that the Executive Board decided that this organization would celebrate International Women's Day with the Northern California Peace Council and that the RAS would try to show Soviet films at 321 Divisadero Street, a committee being elected to look into the possibilities.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 4, 1956, furnished an invitation for a benefit for the CLS defense fund to a house warming to be held in Sebastopol, Calif. on December 17 (1955) at 8:00 PM, "to meet VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, well-known for his drawing of 'DICK MC SMEAR'".

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 4, 1956, advised that the Labor School Committee held a house warming on December 17, 1955 in Sebastopol, Calif., at which VICTOR ARNAUTOFF outlined the history of the CLS.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 30, 1955, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a presentation of "Ring That Bell" on November 27, 1955, at the California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco, which was given for the benefit of the CLS and the "Daily Peoples World" newspaper. Informant advised that "Ring That Bell" is a series of sketches, songs and dances designated to reflect discredit on the capitalistic form as a whole and the American system in particular.

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The Fourth Report, House Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Page 47, reflects that "among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.... the 'Daily Peoples World'."

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 5, 1955, furnished a leaflet of the "Graphic Arts Work Shop" advertising the 1956 art calendar of the Work Shop. The leaflet reflects that the calendar includes art of a number of individuals including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

The National Guardian of January 9, 1956, Page 9, Column 5, contains a memorial portrait of "WILLIAM KERNER, young peace fighter of the West Coast who died a year ago, drawn by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. It is one of the illustrations presented by 12 articles in the San Francisco Graphic Work Shops progressive calendar for 1956."

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 6, 1956, furnished the "Winter Term, 1956, January 15 - March 25" schedule of classes of the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. This schedule reflects that VICTOR ARANUTOFF will lecture on "The artist as social critic" at Open House January 15 at 8 PM and that ARNAUTOFF is also listed as the instructor for "Fundamentals of Drawing and Painting" on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon between the period January 21 and March 24.

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 17, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the CLS Open House at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco on January 15, 1956.

CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CEDC)

The California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2 on February 1, 1956, furnished a mimeographed invitation to attend a CEDC benefit to be held at the residence of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif. on January 22, 1956. The

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invitation advertised a full course Russian dinner.

Special Agents of the FBI observed that a number of people visted the residence of the ARNAUTOFFs at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif. between 2:35 PM and 4:30 PM on January 22, 1956.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL (NCPC)

San Francisco T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 25, 1952, that the NCPC has as its primary objective the agitation of all "peace proposals" set forth by the Communist Party and the NCPC was to serve as a clearing house for peace activities in the San Francisco Bay Area and the eight Northern California counties.

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 18, 1956, furnished a Christmas card addressed to President EISENHOWER. According to the NCPC "Peace News" of December, 1955, the Christmas card was designed by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, the NCPC being desirous of having 10,000 people mail the above mentioned cards to the President.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-10, a confidential source abroad, learned from a reliable source on August 24, 1955, that W. M. ARNAUHTOV on behalf of the Russian American Society, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, Calif. had contacted Mr. I. MURATOV in the Soviet Sector, Berlin, Germany. U.S.S.R. According to informant, ARNAUHTOV had learned from a San Francisco Russian language newspaper of the existence of the newspaper "For The Return To The Homeland" and desired to receive copies of the newspaper for reference purposes inasmuch as the Russian American Society maintains a library.

T-2 on November 4, 1955, furnished three issues of the "For The Return To The Homeland" which were dated July and August, 1955. Informant advised that he received these publications from VICTOR ARNAUTOFF who requested that he give them to people of Russian ancestry. T-2 advised that he did not know from whom ARNAUTOFF received these publications.

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San Francisco T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past on January 12, 1956, advised that a receiption was given by the Polish Ambassador at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, on December 14, 1955, which was attended by a number of individuals including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of activity and/or description of information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
SF T-1 [redacted] (requested name be kept confidential)	Re sabbatical leave	1/26/56 2/1/56 2/15/56	SA FRED R. ELLEDGE	100-6359-1658,59
SF T-2 [redacted]	CP meetings Branch 11			[redacted]
	12/7/55	1/4/56	SA G.D.COAKLEY	
	12/27/55	"	"	
	1/18/56	2/1/56	"	
	RAS Exec. Brd. Mtgs.			
	12/16/55	1/4/56	"	
	1/13/56	2/1/56	"	
	1/27/56	2/1/56	"	
	1/22/56 Dinner	2/1/56	"	
	For Return to the Homeland	11/4/55	" orally	[redacted]
SF T-3 [redacted]	House warming 12/17/55	1/4/56	SA M.R.ADAMS	[redacted]
SF T-4 [redacted]	"	"	"	
SF T-5 [redacted]	"Ring That Bell" 11/27/55	11/30/55	SA D.A.MERRILL	[redacted]
SF T-6 [redacted]	Graphic Arts Work Shop 1956 Calendar	12/5/55	"	
SF T-7 [redacted] (requested her name be kept confidential)	CIS Winter Term Schedule, 1956	1/6/56	SA S.F.FEWSTER	

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SF T-8 [redacted] CIS Open House 1/15/56 1/17/56 SA R.R.BREWER [redacted]
(requested her identity be concealed)

SF T-9 [redacted] NCPC Christmas card 1/18/56 SA F.S.PERRONE [redacted]
(requested identity be concealed)

SF T-10 [redacted]

SF T-11 [redacted] Reception 12/14/55 by Polish Ambassador 1/12/56 SA P.F.SHARKEY 100-6359-1663 [redacted]

SF T-12, [redacted] NCPC 7/25/52 SA W.L.WHITNEY 100-28875-85P17
Fisur 1/22/56 by SAs ALBERT J. LAVERY & STANLEY F. FEWSTER 100-6359-1664

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The subject is a security index subject. Security index card on file has been reviewed and is correct and current.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Will continue to follow closely the activities of the subject through [redacted] Stanford University and established informants mentioned in this report.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSER dated 1/9/56 at San Francisco.

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Mr. Landis

SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) March 7, 1956

Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated 2/24/56 at San Francisco, in the above-captioned matter, wherein it was noted that Arnautoff has requested and has been granted sabbatical leave from Stanford University from 9/1/56 to 8/31/57. Referenced report also noted that Arnautoff plans to spend part of this sabbatical leave in Paris, France, for purpose of expanding and systematizing his notes and knowledge of lithograph printing from stones.

The San Francisco Office should be alert to develop any information indicating Arnautoff's travel plans and keep the Bureau promptly advised in order that the Bureau may in turn keep appropriate Government agencies so advised.

Washington Field Office should check with the Passport Division of the State Department to ascertain whether or not Arnautoff has made application for a passport for his contemplated travel to France. For the information of the Washington Field Office Arnautoff is a Security Index subject of the San Francisco Office and is a key figure in that office. Arnautoff resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as a teacher of art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. Arnautoff was born 11/11/96, Marinpol, Russia, and entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, 5/23/31. He received US citizenship in US District Court, San Francisco, California, 8/2/39. His wife, Lydia, who is also on the Security Index, was born 2/2/03 at Mukden, China.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated December 19, 1952, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated February 2, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated March 25, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated May 22, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated August 3, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated September 29, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated December 1, 1953, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated February 5, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated April 8, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated June 30, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Henry D. Grush dated August 26, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent William B. Dillon dated October 28, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent William B. Dillon dated December 29, 1954, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent William B. Dillon dated March 16, 1955, at San Francisco.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated August 26, 1955, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated October 21, 1955, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated January 9, 1956, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated February 24, 1956, at San Francisco.

No investigation is being requested concerning Victor Michael Arnautoff, but this Bureau desires to be advised of any information coming to your attention regarding the activities of Arnautoff while he is abroad. You will be furnished additional pertinent information concerning Arnautoff and his proposed travel as it is received.

This information is furnished for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your Department.

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2cc - Director (W/Enclosures - 22)
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ATTENTION PARIS:

No additional investigation is being requested but the Bureau should be advised of any information coming to your attention regarding the activities of the subject while abroad. You will be advised concerning his contemplated travel when more definite information is received concerning same. Subject is on the Security Index. Enclosed for your information is one copy each of the afore-mentioned reports.

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on SI. Information concerning sabbatical leave and proposed travel to Paris, France, received from the San Francisco Office. That office has been instructed to be alert to develop any information concerning Arnautoff's travel plans and to keep the Bureau promptly advised in order that the Bureau may in turn keep appropriate Government agencies so advised.

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100-47675

Date: March 22, 1956

EX-108

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

This Bureau has been advised that Arnautoff, who is employed as a teacher of art at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, has requested and has been granted sabbatical leave from that University from September 1, 1956, to August 31, 1957. Information has also been received that Arnautoff plans to spend part of this sabbatical leave in Paris, France, for the purpose of expanding and systemizing his notes and knowledge of lithograph printing from stones.

Enclosed is one copy each of the following reports concerning Arnautoff for your information:

Report of Special Agent Paul C. Fuller dated March 21, 1952, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated July 14, 1952, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated September 12, 1952, at San Francisco.

Report of Special Agent Stanley F. Fewster dated October 31, 1952, at San Francisco.

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cc - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: 4/10/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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OO: San Francisco

ReBulet dated 3-7-56 requesting the WFO to check with the Passport Office concerning the subject.

The subject's file in the Passport Office, Department of State, was reviewed by SA KENNETH J. HASER on 4-6-56 and was found to contain only information furnished by the Bureau.

Miss MARY BARRY, Passport Office, advised SA HASER on 4-6-56 that the Passport Office had no record of any application for passport on the part of the subject.

It is suggested that the San Francisco Office may desire to request the WFO to place a stop notice with the Passport Office to be advised in the event that he applies for or receives passport facilities.
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cc - Mr. Marquise

SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) April 26, 1956

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VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurlet dated April 13, 1956, captioned as above.

The Bureau concurs with the manner in which you contemplate advising the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at San Francisco of the availability and identity of various witnesses in connection with possible denaturalization proceedings against the subject.

You mention in relet that you will contact several former informants in order to determine their present willingness to have their identities revealed. You also noted in relet that INS would be advised as to the identity of [redacted]; however, you do not indicate that you also will contact him for the purpose of determining his willingness to have his identity disclosed. You should contact [redacted] for the purpose of determining his willingness to such disclosure.

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The disclosure to INS of the identities of the various informants, if they are willing to be identified, should not jeopardize any pending investigation in your division.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on SI. Employed as Art teacher, Stanford University. INS advised San Francisco that subject was formerly citizen of U.S.S.R. and requested identity and available of various informants for use in possible denaturalization proceedings against the subject. Of 6 informants INS inquired about, 1 is active and 1 is trash cover. San Francisco to advise INS former is active and latter unavailable and can't be recontacted. Relet states San Francisco contacting 3 to determine willingness to have identity disclosed.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: April 13, 1956

FROM SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, wa
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I&NS, San Francisco, by letter dated March 23, 1956, advised that the Subject, a naturalized citizen of the United States, formerly a citizen of the USSR, is under investigation by that Service. The letter reflects that from reports of investigation furnished by the FBI, it appears that a prima facie case for denaturalization could be established from the testimony of FBI informants.

I&NS requested that the identity and availability of the following informants be furnished if possible, which are listed in the following reports:

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Report of SA FRED R. ELLEDGE, dated 12/19/46 - [redacted] inactive since 8/29/45); [redacted] discontinued 1954).

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 10/31/52 - SF T-9 [redacted] whose names were concealed at their request).

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 12/19/52 - SF T-4 ([redacted]).

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 8/26/55 - SF T-1 ([redacted], active informant).

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 2/5/54 - SF T-15 ([redacted]).

I&NS will be advised that [redacted] is unavailable to testify and cannot be recontacted; that [redacted] is an active informant; that former [redacted], who has been inactive since August 29, 1945, is [redacted], who was formerly employed by [redacted].

[redacted] formerly [redacted], on March 16, 1955, advised that except in cases of major importance he did not desire to have his identity revealed and did not desire to appear before hearing boards or execute signed statements.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)
FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)
SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, wa
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April 13, 1956

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The San Francisco Office will personally contact [redacted] to determine their present willingness to have their identities revealed. Their desires will be respected and I&NS advised.

The above has been set out in accordance with the Manual of Instructions, Section 107R, it being requested that the Bureau advise if the above meets with their approval.

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Form (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	4/25/56	4/12,13/56

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	MDS
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	INTERNAL SECURITY-C	

Synopsis:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is member of "The Eleven" Branch, CP, and attended two CP meetings during the period 2/1/56-3/14/56 inclusive. Attended four RAS meetings during period 2/3/56-3/9/56 inclusive. Attended activities of ARI discussing Russian art 2/21/56 and activities of CLS. Acknowledged receipt of newspaper from Committee for Return to the Homeland.

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AGENCY AEC, State, CIA, Light, Parsons
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DATE FORW. 5/10/56
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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The April, 1956, San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington

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Approved	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below
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Street, Colma, California, and as having telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. (CP)

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been designated by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the Subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the Communist Party of San Francisco and attended two such meetings during the period from February 1, 1956, to March 14, 1956, inclusive.

SF T-1 on February 24, 1956, reported that GEORGE WILLIAMS lead the educational on International Policies of the Administration at "The Eleven" Branch meeting on February 1, 1956, which was attended by the Subject. WILLIAMS claimed that the rejection of the Soviet Friendship Plan, as expressed in BULGANIN'S letter, is indication of the Administration's hope for war. He claimed that this rejection of BULGANIN'S proposal will lose considerable prestige and friends for the United States, especially among the Asian peoples.

According to SF T-1, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on February 1, 1956, stated that information regarding travel to the U.S.S.R. should be obtained, as there are a large number of people of Russian descent who would like to visit their relatives in the Soviet Union.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1 has reported that the Subject attended four meetings of the Russian American Society, Inc., during the period of February 3, 1956, and March 9, 1956, inclusive. SF T-1 on February 24, 1956, advised that BORIS VON VAH gave a lecture at the RAS on February 3, 1956, regarding the military campaign of Peter the Great. SF T-1 also reported on February 24, 1956,

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that EUGENE VDOVIN spoke on the customs and life of the American Indians and his experience among the American Indians at the RAS meeting on February 17, 1956, which was attended by the Subject.

Informant stated that he had learned that the RAS had decided to enlarge the Executive Board and that several individuals were to be contacted to determine their views as becoming members.

VLADIMIR ALEXIS LOUNKIN, JR., in an interview on February 29, 1956, advised SA JAMES E. TARLETON, JR., that he had been a member of the RAS, Inc., from 1941 to 1950 and recalled that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been a member of the RAS prior to 1950. Mr. LOUNKIN stated that during his membership he did not believe that the RAS necessarily followed the CP line, although some of their objectives at times were identical, such as seeking aid for the U.S.S.R. during the period of World War II.

SF T-1 advised that "International Women's Day" was celebrated at the RAS meeting on March 9, 1956, at 321 Divisadero Street at which MARY SHAPOVALOV gave a brief report on the history of today and compared the poor, oppressed Russian women of the past with the free, happy Soviet women of today.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (ARI) OF SAN FRANCISCO

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 22, 1956, advised that ANNA LOUISE STRONG lectured on "Soviet-Asian Friendship" at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on February 17, 1956, which lecture was attended by the Subject and sponsored by the ARI.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 16, 1956, furnished an announcement captioned, "1956 New Soviet Color Film, American Russian Institute, 90 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco" which set forth the schedule of events at the

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ARI for the period January 10, 1956, to March 27, 1956. The announcements reflects that the film "All Union Art Exhibit" would be shown at 8 p.m., February 21, 1956, at the ARI, the speaker being listed as "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, Artist, Teacher, and Lecturer on Art."

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 24, 1956, reported that a movie of the "All Union Art Exhibit" was shown at the ARI, 90 Mc Allister Street, on February 21, 1956, at which Mr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was introduced as the speaker of the evening. ARNAUTOFF gave a short resume of the history of the Tretyakov Art Gallery in Moscow, describing Tretyakov as a merchant who was an ardent art collector who had left his pictures to the city of Moscow.

ARNAUTOFF stated that Tretyakov's main purpose of collecting pictures was to free Russian art from western influence and antiquated ideas. It was his desire that no fee be charged to the artists studying or copying the masterpieces. Mr. ARNAUTOFF commented on the movie and drew a parallel between the attendance at exhibits in the Soviet Union, pointing out that the movie which had been witnessed indicated that over one million two hundred thousand had attended compared to an exhibit held in the De Young Museum in San Francisco which drew a scant twenty five thousand people.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 5, 1956, reported that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was the speaker at the ARI, 90 Mc Allister Street, on the evening of February 21, 1956, when a Russian movie captioned "All Union Art Exhibit" was shown. ARNAUTOFF described the current interest in art throughout all Russia and pointed out the great strength and beauty found in the Russian art of today.

He explained that the pictures that were to be observed were entirely contemporary and were drawn "after the successful revolution." He said that classic art still had a place of respect but that many such pictures had been taken down to make room for the more modern artists.

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He claimed that the modern artists rebelled against the old classic art of Italy and France some time ago. ARNAUTOFF pointed out that many people attended the opening of the Russian Art Exhibit in Moscow and indicated that one million people or more had witnessed such an opening but that here in America if one hundred and fifty thousand people attended an art exhibit opening it was an event unusual enough to make the headlines of the daily newspapers.

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at approximately 9 p.m. on February 21, 1956, addressing a group of approximately 25 individuals in the ARI, 90 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 19, 1956, furnished a mimeographed leaflet captioned "Inside Story of SACB (Subversive Activities Control Board) Hearings," issued by the CLS concerning the SACB hearings against the CLS. Under the caption, "Help Us Build Registration for the Exciting New Winter Term" appears the name "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF" with a group of other individuals.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 30, 1956, advised that Subject attended a lecture at the CLS on January 27, 1956, the lecture being captioned "Can Depressions Be Minimized or Temporarily Averted."

San Francisco T-8, a confidential source abroad, learned that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and described as president of the Russian American Society had thanked N. E. MIKHAILOV of the Committee for Return to the Homeland, Berlin, Germany, for copies of the newspaper received for the RAS library.

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According to SF T-8, Mr. ARNAUTOFF and the RAS considered that the work carried on by the above committee is the only valid solution of the question of the so-called displaced persons and that voluntary return to the homeland is the best way of alleviating the situation.

AT REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA HENRY D. GRUSH:

The records of the San Mateo County Voters Registry on April 12, 1956, reflected that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF registered on March 27, 1956, affiliated with one of the two major political parties and that he indicated that he was born in Russia and was a naturalized citizen having been naturalized on August 2, 1937, receiving Certificate Number 4331663. His height was listed as 5'11".

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
SF T-1 [redacted]	CP meeting 2/1/56	2/24/56	O. E. FREEMAN	[redacted]
	CP meeting 3/14/56	3/20/56	"	
	RAS meeting 2/3/56	2/24/56	"	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	RAS, Executive Board meeting 2/10/56	2/24/56	"	
	RAS meeting 2/17/56	2/24/56	"	
	RAS meeting 3/9/56	3/20/56	"	
SF T-2, [redacted] Requested identity concealed	ANNA LOUISE STRONG lecture, 2/17/56	2/22/56	F. S. PERONE	
SF T-3 [redacted]	ARI schedule of events, 1/10 - 3/27/56	1/16/56	"	[redacted]
SF T-4 [redacted] Requested name confidential	ARI meeting 2/21/56	2/24/56	H. D. GRUSH	
SF T-5 [redacted] Requested identity be concealed	ARI meeting 2/21/56	3/5/56	S. F. FEWSTER	

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SF T-6 [redacted] Requested name confidential	Inside story of SACB Hearings	1/19/56	F. S. PERONE	[redacted]
SF T-7 [redacted]	CLS lecture 1/27/56	1/30/56	D. A. MERRILL	[redacted]
SF T-8 Legat, Bonn, Germany	Letter dated 3/8/56			100-6759-1709
Fisur 2/21/56	ARI meeting 2/21/56	S	S. F. FEWSTER	100-6359-1689

SA R. E. STEPHENS also observed Subject in attendance at this meeting

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report and they were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The Subject is a Security Index Subject.

The Security Index Card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

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Will continue to follow closely the activities of the Subject

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through [redacted] and at Stanford University for any information regarding the future plans of the Subject and through established informants.

REFERENCE

Re report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 2/24/56 at SF.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 4/27/56

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Rep. Sub. 6-25-56. Cga

ReWFOlet 4/10/56.

It is requested that WFO place a stop notice with the Passport Office so that the San Francisco Office can be advised if subject receives passport facilities for travel.

San Francisco has received no additional information regarding travel by the subject to Paris, France, or any other country; however, upon receipt of such information, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	clw

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SYNOPSIS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif., and is member of "The Eleven" Branch, CP, and attended four meetings during the period 2/29/56 - 4/25/56 inclusive. Attended two RAS meetings during period 3/23/56 - 4/27/56 inclusive and activities of ARI, CLS, and banquet of NCCPFB. (C)

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

The June, 1956, San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and as having telephone number PLaza 50472.

AT STANFORD, CALIFORNIA:

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past and is associated with Stanford University, on May 21, 1956, advised SA Fred R. Elledge that the request for sabbatical leave filed by VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF has been under scrutiny by officials of the University. He explained that the granting of sabbatical leave did not follow as a matter of course upon the completion of the required number of years as a professor or instructor at the University. He stated that sabbatical leave is not granted automatically as a right but as a privilege and that the situation prevalent to the granting of a sabbatical leave is that the leave must contribute to the academic betterment of the requesting individual. SF T-1 stated that he and President STERLING and the Provost at Stanford University had conferred together concerning the ARNAUTOFF situation and it was their plan to question subject closely concerning his plans on sabbatical leave. He advised that in the event his request for sabbatical leave is granted they contemplate advising him that his appointment at Stanford University will be terminated upon completion of the leave.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. (CP)

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that the subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the Communist Party of San Francisco and attended four such meetings during the period of February 29, 1956, to April 25, 1956, inclusive.

SF T-2, on April 3, 1956, advised that subject briefly described the 20th Party Congress of the Soviet Union at the meeting of "Branch Eleven" of the Communist Party on March 28, 1956.

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RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-2 has reported that the subject attended two meetings of the Russian American Society, Inc., during the period March 23, 1956, to April 27, 1956, inclusive. (C)

SF T-2, on April 3, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, at the Russian American Society meeting on March 23, 1956, reported that there would be a collection made at the DU BOIS meeting scheduled for April 13, 1956, the collection to defray legal expenses of the California Labor School. (C)

SF T-2 advised that a Soviet film entitled "Tretiauoff Gallery" was shown at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on April 20, 1956, and that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF made a short lecture on modern Soviet art prior to the showing of the film. (C)

Mr. WILLIAM FREDERICK ONICK, 26 Rocklyn Court, Corte Madera, California, in an interview on March 22, 1956, by SA's Ralph M. Lindsey and Wayne K. Welch, advised he initially met VICTOR ARNAUTOFF during the early part of World War II when ARNAUTOFF was President of the RAS. He stated that his association with ARNAUTOFF was limited to contacts at RAS functions but that they were not socially acquainted. ONICK advised he affiliated with the RAS shortly after the beginning of World War II, his action being motivated by a desire to aid the American-Russian war effort. He stated he terminated his affiliation with the organization about 1946-1947 and advised that the RAS membership at the time consisted of persons who were interested in political affairs. Inasmuch as he was not concerned with political matters he discontinued his association with the RAS.

Mr. ONICK advised he did not know if VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Communist Party and could not provide any information concerning ARNAUTOFF's present activities.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised April 19, 1956, that the CLS had sponsored a meeting on April 13, 1956, at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, the featured speaker being Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS. SF T-3 reported that DU BOIS read a prepared speech at the above meeting and stated that the United States was trying to preach democracy to the rest of the world, which the United States does not enjoy, and referred to the poor conditions in the southern section of the United States. DU BOIS also stated that Russia had better schools and teachers than those in the United States and "that our (U.S.) teachers are not allowed to teach what they want."

SF T-3 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the above meeting.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 20, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the Graphic Arts Workshop, 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco, an adjunct of the CLS, on April 17, 1956.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 17, 1956, advised that a benefit was held for the CLS Graphic Arts Workshop on May 13, 1956, aboard the yacht "Wanderbird", which was attended by the subject.

SF T-5 reported that subject at the above event handed out notices of an ARI celebration to be held in San Francisco on May 18, 1956, and that one of ARNAUTOFF's paintings was raffled off, chances costing $1 each, and that the proceeds were to be given to the ARI.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 28, 1956, advised that subject attended a "Ship Frolic" aboard the yacht "Wanderbird" on May 13, 1956, under the auspices of the Graphic Arts Workshop. SF T-7 advised that the above affair was primarily social, no political speeches being made, and that various works of art were exhibited and sold.

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AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE
OF SAN FRANCISCO (ARI)

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 26, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a large gathering on March 4, 1956, at the home of VINCENT and VIVIAN HALLINAN in Ross, California, which was a farewell party for Meridel LeSueur. An invitation to the above, furnished by SF T-6, lists the host as the ARI.

SF T-6 reported that MERIDEL LE SUEUR spoke at the above party and spoke regarding the Minnesota reception of the Soviet farmers who visited the United States in the summer of 1955.

SF T-5, on April 10, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a party for MERIDEL LE SUEUR on March 4, 1956, at the estate of VINCENT HALLINAN in Ross, California.

CHARLES D. BLODGETT appeared before a public session of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities in San Francisco on December 3, 1953, and in sworn testimony stated that MERIDEL LE SUEUR was the wartime chairman of the Communist Party for the State of Minnesota. Calif

SF T-7, on March 14, 1956, confirmed that subject attended the farewell party on March 4, 1956, mentioned above.

MISCELLANEOUS

Miss MARY BARRY, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA Kenneth J. Haser, Washington, D.C., on April 6, 1956, that the passport office had no record of any application for a passport on the part of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF.

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Mr. RALPH ANDERSON, Customs Registry, U.S. Post Office, Rincon Annex, San Francisco, on May 7, 1956, reported to SA Henry D. Grush that he had observed a phonograph record which was addressed to VICTOR ARNAUTOV, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which listed the return address as "Le Chant Du Monde (The Song of the World), 32 rue Beaujon, Paris 8e, France."

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 3, 1956, advised that the annual banquet of the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was held at California Hall, Turk and Polk Streets, San Francisco, on April 14, 1956, and was attended by the subject. (C)

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 6, 1955, advised that each local chapter of the Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NCCPFB) executes the policy of the national organization in their respective areas and campaigns to prevent deportation of aliens. Another example of coordination with the ACPFB is periodic sponsorship of speaking trips of ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the ACPFB.

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San Francisco, on April 27, 1956, requested Washington Field to place a stop notice with the Passport Office, Department of State, in order that San Francisco can be advised if subject receives passport facilities regarding foreign travel.

SOURCES

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY &/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE REC'D	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE WHERE LOCATED
SF T-1: [redacted] (Requested name be kept confidential)	Sabbatical leave	5/21/56	SA FRED R. ELLEDGE	100-6359-1739
SF T-2: [redacted]	Branch Eleven CP meeting 2/29/56	3/20/56	SA O.E. FREEMAN, JR.	[redacted]
	Branch Eleven CP meeting 3/28/56	4/3/56	SA FREEMAN	
	Branch Eleven CP meeting 4/11/56	4/20/56	SA FREEMAN	
	Branch Eleven CP meeting 4/25/56	5/2/56	SA FREEMAN	
	RAS Ex. Bd. 3/23/56	4/3/56	SA FREEMAN	
	Showing Soviet Film "Tretiauoff Gallery"	4/20/56 5/2/56	SA FREEMAN	
	RAS Ex. Bd. 4/27/56	5/2/56	SA FREEMAN	

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SF T-3: [redacted]	W.E.B. DU BOIS 4/13/56 meeting	4/19/56	SA F.S. PERRONE	[redacted]

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In view of [redacted] past mental history he constitutes a possible source of embarrasment to the Bureau and therefore a "T" symbol was used.

SF T-4: [redacted] U	Graphic Arts Workshop meeting 4/17/56	4/20/56	SA D.A. MERRILL	[redacted]
SF T-5: [redacted] C	Graphic Arts Work-Shop meeting 4/17/56	4/10/56	SA PAUL F. SHARKEY	[redacted]
	CLS Graphic Arts Workshop benefit 5/13/56	5/17/56	SA SHARKEY	
SF T-6: [redacted] U	Party 3/4/56 Host ARI	3/26/56	SA W.H. WEBB	[redacted]
SF T-7: [redacted] C	Party 3/4/56 Host ARI	3/14/56	SA J. DUNPHY	[redacted]
	"Wanderbird" frolic 5/13/56	5/28/56	SA DUNPHY	
SF T-8: [redacted] C	NCCPFB banquet 4/14/56	5/3/56	SA D.L. COFFIN	[redacted]

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SF T-9: [redacted]	Ident. NCCPFB	4/6/55	SA W. RICHMOND	100-28875-(C) 126

Exact dates of the CP meetings were not set out in this report in order to further protect the informant SF T-2.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and the "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where identities of the sources must be concealed.

The subject is a Security Index Subject and his Security Index Card on file has been reviewed and is current and accurate.

LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to closely follow the activities of the subject through [redacted] regarding subject's request for sabbatical leave.

REFERENCE

Report SA Stanley F. Fewster, San Francisco, 4/25/56.

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	jr
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SYNOPSIS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. Taught 3 quarters Stanford University prior 6/13/56; entitled one quarter of leave. Will start sabbatical leave effective beginning of Fall, 1956, Stanford term. Reported subject plans to open or has opened art shop in North Beach, SF. Is member of "The Eleven" Branch CP and attended 5 meetings during period 5/9/56 and 7/17/56 inclusive. Attended 3 regular and 4 Executive Board meetings of RAS, Inc. and activities of ARI of SF, CLS, DFW, and Sobell Committee meeting. DFW subscription expired 7/1/56

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Mrs. THERESE BURCHAK, 1871 Sweetwood Drive, Colma, California, a neighbor of subject, on September 18, 1956, advised SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER that Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF continue to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, and that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, subject's wife, recently underwent an operation for a bladder ailment.

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In September, 1956, San Francisco street address telephone directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and assigned telephone number Plaza 5-0472.

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA:

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past and is associated with Stanford University, advised on July 20, 1956, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had taught at Stanford University for three quarters prior to June 13, 1956, and was therefore entitled to one quarter of leave. T-1 stated that the subject is presently on leave and that in addition, it was contemplated that he will be granted sabbatical leave for one year effective from September, 1956, to August 31, 1957.

SF T-1 on September 10, 1956, advised that the subject will go on sabbatical leave at the beginning of the 1956 Stanford fall term.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 30, 1956, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had attended a Bay area Sobell committee meeting on June 22, 1956, at which time T-2 learned that ARNAUTOFF, a teacher at Stanford University, had been questioned by members of the Stanford University Board regarding the associations and organizations to which he, ARNAUTOFF, belonged. SF T-2 learned that ARNAUTOFF had refused to answer many of the questions that were asked and that the subject did not know how long he would be teaching at Stanford University.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 4, 1956, advised that it is his opinion that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF will not journey east during the summer of 1956, as originally planned. CAL.

SF T-3 advised on July 18, 1956, that the subject was on sabbatical leave from Stanford University and that he plans to open or has opened an art shop in the North Beach section of San Francisco. SF T-3 was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the art store. SF T-3 advised on July 3, 1956, that the subject's wife, LYDIA, would have to enter a hospital sometime during the following week for an undisclosed ailment.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, (CP)

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3 has reported that the subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven" Branch of the Communist party of San Francisco and attended five meetings during the period of May 9, 1956, and July 17, 1956, inclusive.

SF T-3 advised on June 4, 1956, that a decision was made at the May 23, 1956, Communist party meeting of Branch Eleven to discontinue printing the Russian American Society, Inc. bulletin "ZA MIR."

SF T-3 reported that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the July 3, 1956, CP meeting of Branch Eleven announced that KLARA SILBERSTEIN, a member of Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS), had demanded that the RAS discuss KHRUSHCHEV's secret report to the Twentieth Congress of the Communist party of the Soviet Union but that it was decided to ignore the demand until confirmation of the report was received from Soviet sources. CAL.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

The Russian American Society, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3 has reported that the subject attended three regular and four Executive Board meetings of the RAS, Inc. during the period May 11, 1956, and July 6, 1956, inclusive. SF T-3 reported that at the May 18, 1959, meeting it was agreed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would print the RAS Bulletin "ZA MIR" but that arrangements would be made with the California Labor School for further printing. CAL.

SF T-3 advised that the Executive Board of the RAS on July 6, 1956, decided to increase the educational meetings regarding Soviet life as reflected in Soviet literature.

SF T-3 on June 4, 1956, advised that a decision was made on May 23, 1956, to discontinue the printing of the RAS bulletins.

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AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE
OF SAN FRANCISCO (ARI)

The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the ARI of San Francisco, which celebration was held on May 18, 1956, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past on June 8, 1956, advised that subject attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the ARI held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on May 18, 1956.

San Francisco T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 7, 1956, confirmed that subject attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the ARI held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on May 18, 1956.

Special Agents of the FBI observed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF to enter the ARI, 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, at approximately noon on July 31, 1956.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL
CLS

SAN FRANCISCO
CAL.

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-4, on May 22, 1956, advised that a benefit dinner party was held which was purely social aboard the "S S Wanderbird", Sausalito, California, on May 13, 1956. T-4 advised that the activity was a benefit for the Graphic Arts Workshop, admission of $1 being charged.

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SF T-2 advised on July 17, 1956, that a public meeting was held at the California Labor School on July 13, 1956, at which JOHN HOWARD LAWSON was one of the speakers and spoke on "Culture and the Future", in which he denounced STALIN and the murders that had been committed under his regime. T-2 advised that the subject attended the above meeting. CAL.

SF T-4 on July 16, 1956, advised that the subject attended a lecture at the CLS on July 13, 1956, given by JOHN HOWARD LAWSON.

San Francisco T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 20, 1956, that subject attended a lecture at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on July 13, 1956, at which JOHN HOWARD LAWSON spoke on "Some Questions of Culture". SF T-7 advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS, head of the CLS, spoke briefly about the school and of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, describing him as having been one of the "Hollywood Ten" who had been sent to prison for a year.

San Francisco T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 1, 1956, that subject attended the MIKE GOLD lecture at the CLS on July 27, 1956, when MIKE GOLD told of his connection with the Communist movement in this country and its beginning when it was called the "Workers Party". GOLD reportedly stated that he had seen Communism take over Eastern Europe and stressed the great improvement that Communism is making for the people in cultural satisfaction and how these nations would soon pull ahead of us materially.

SF T-5 on July 29, 1956, advised subject attended a lecture at the CLS on July 27, 1956, at which MICHAEL GOLD, the main speaker, lectured on "The Turning Point in World Socialism". According to T-5, GOLD stated he was born on the East Side in New York of poor parents and in 1914, when he was 17 years of age, he attended a demonstration for the unemployed at Union Square; that it was there that he joined "the movement" and after marrying a French girl lived in Paris for a number of years. GOLD claimed that Communism is thought of differently in the United States than abroad and that one out of every three Frenchmen is a Communist and in each family there is at least one Communist. CAL. N.Y. FRANCE

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SF T-4, on August 8, 1956, confirmed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the lecture of MICHAEL GOLD on July 27, 1956, at the CLS.

SF T-7, on August 3, 1956, confirmed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the MICHAEL GOLD lecture mentioned above.

SF T-5, on August 6, 1956, advised that subject attended a social which celebrated the opening of the "Graphic Arts Workshop", 271 Francisco Street, San Francisco, on August 4, 1956.

DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD (DPW)

The fourth report, UnAmerican Activities in California, for 1948, page 364, reflects "The People's World is an official West Coast Communist paper".

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 20, 1955, that "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Daly City, California" received the Daily People's World newspaper, it being indicated that the subscription would expire July 1, 1956.

SF T-6 on August 1, 1956, furnished a leaflet reflecting that STEVE NELSON and his attorney would speak on July 20, 1956, at 8 PM at 44 Page Street, the meeting to be held under the sponsorship of the Daily People's World. SF T-6 advised that STEVE NELSON spoke, furnishing his life history, which meeting was attended by the subject.

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SF T-8, on July 23, 1956, advised that STEVE NELSON spoke at Druids Hall, San Francisco (44 Page Street) on July 20, 1956, the meeting being sponsored by the DPW, which was attended by the subject. STEVE NELSON detailed his experiences at this meeting when held in Contempt of Congress and the recent Supreme Court decision which had invalidated the charge on which the Pennsylvania authorities had cited him. NELSON advised he expected to win his case.

SF T-4, on August 8, 1956, confirmed that the subject had attended the meeting on July 20, 1956, at Druids Hall.

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SF T-2 on August 15, 1956, advised that the subject had attended a meeting on July 20, 1956, at Druids Hall at which STEVE NELSON spoke. SF T-2 advised that the collection obtained at the meeting was for the benefit of the defense of STEVE NELSON and for the DPW.

SF T-2 furnished a leaflet captioned "An Historic Victory" issued by the Committee to End Sedition Laws, 212 Forbes Building, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania". This leaflet pertained to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversal of the State conviction and twenty-year sentence of STEVE NELSON and the fact that on April 2, 1956, the United States Supreme Court had upheld the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

SOBELL COMMITTEE

SF T-2 advised on June 30, 1956, that subject attended a Bay area Sobell Committee meeting on June 22, 1956, at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

SF T-8 on June 26, 1956, advised that subject attended a Sobell Committee meeting on June 22, 1956, held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, at which speeches were given proclaiming the innocence of MORTON SOBELL and the ROSENBURGS (JULIUS and ETHEL), convicted of espionage against the United States.

SF T-4 on July 5, 1956, confirmed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the meeting on June 22, 1956, regarding MORTON SOBELL.

SF T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 31, 1955, that at a meeting of the San Francisco Sobell Committee held October 17, 1955, at 930 Scott Street, San Francisco, a Bay area council was planned, with officers to plan policy, activities, and disseminate information in conjunction with National headquarters.

The "Sobell News Letter", official publication of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees, reflected that the "Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees" would now coordinate the work of seven counties in a forty-mile radius around San Francisco.

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Exact dates of the CP meeting were not set out in this report in order to protect the informant, SF T-3.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where identities of the sources must be concealed.

The subject is a Security Index subject and his Security Index card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

Subject on 1/21/53 declined to be interviewed when contacted by SAs WILLIAM B. DILLON and STANLEY F. FEWSTER. There is no indication that subject has changed his point of view and would consent to an interview with Agents of the FBI. He continues his activities in the CP, RAS, Inc., ARI of San Francisco and other subversive organizations and refused to discuss CP membership with members of the Board of Directors, Stanford University.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	File Number Where Located
SF T-1. [redacted] (Requested name be kept confidential)	Re sabbatical leave	100-6359-1782
SF T-2, [redacted]	Sobell Committee meeting 6/22/56 CLS meeting 7/13/56 Steve Nelson meeting 7/20/56	[redacted]

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(In view of [redacted] past mental history, he constitutes a possible source of embarrassment to the Bureau. For this reason a "T" symbol was used.)

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INFORMANTS, Continued:

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D) SF T-3 is [redacted]	Re Sabbatical leave and plans re art store	100-6359-1780
	Branch Eleven CP meetings: 5/9/56 5/23/56 6/20/56 7/3/56 7/17/56	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 5/11/56 RAS Ex. Bd. 5/18/56 RAS meeting 5/25/56 RAS Ex. Bd. 6/1/56 RAS meeting 6/8/56 RAS Ex. Bd. 6/29/56 RAS Ex. Bd. 7/6/56	
SF T-4 is [redacted]	ARI - 25th Anniversary 5/18/56	
	G.A.W.S. party 5/13/56	
	JOHN HOWARD LAWSON Lecture 7/13/56	
	MICHAEL GOLD Lecture 7/27/56	
	STEVE NELSON meeting 7/20/56	
	Sobell Committee meeting 6/22/56	

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SF T-5 is [redacted]	ARI - 25th Anniversary 5/18/56	[redacted]
	MICHAEL GOLD lecture 7/27/56	
	Opening Graphic Arts Workshop 8/4/56	
SF T-6 is [redacted]	ARI - 25th Anniversary 5/18/56	
	STEVE NELSON meeting 7/20/56	
SF T-7 is [redacted]	Lecture 7/13/56, CLS JOHN HOWARD LAWSON	
	MICHAEL GOLD Lecture 7/27/56	
SF T-8 is [redacted]	MIKE GOLD Lecture 7/27/56	
	STEVE NELSON meeting 7/20/56	
	Sobell Committee meeting 6/22/56	
SF T-9 is Mr. [redacted]		61-369-1 B 8

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SF T-10 is [redacted]		100-28875-252
Spot check 7/31/56 SAs R. E. STEPHENS and N. FRYE	ARI, 90 McAllister Street	100-6359-1785 p4, pw5

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THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to closely follow the activities of the subject through [redacted] regarding subject's sabbatical leave.

REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, 6/25/56, San Francisco.

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Routing Slip
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Date 10/1/56

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FILE # Bureau 100-47675
S.F. 100-6359

Title VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

ACTION DESIRED

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[ ] Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Reference report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 9/21/56 above subject.
Please correct in ink, page 6, paragraph 7, to read (44 Page Street).
S.F. copies and INS copy has been corrected.

Thank you.

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Bureau advised 10-9-56

SAC W. M. Wheland

Office San Francisco

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU:

FROM SAC, SF (100-6359)

One (1) photo of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 10/10/56

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Rerep SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 9/21/56, at San Francisco.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of amended page 1 and five copies of amended page 8 as requested by Form O-17, dated 10/5/56.

Amended pages have been substituted in SF file 100-6359 and a copy of amended page 1 is being furnished INS, San Francisco.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a photograph of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, believed to have been taken in 1947, which bears a very good likeness to the subject at the present time.

PHOTOGRAPH

B. 11-11-96, MARINPOL, RUSSIA
RES. 1007 WASHINGTON STREET, COLMA, CALIF.

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1 - San Francisco

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582) DATE: November 21, 1956

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-36985)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED HCUA HEARINGS
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Remylet 10/29/56.

On 11/13/56 WILLIAM WHEELER, West Coast Representative of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) furnished additional information concerning the proposed hearings of the HCUA scheduled to be held in San Francisco on December 10 and 11, 1956.

SF let of 10/29/56 advised the Bureau that the HCUA planned to issue a subpoena for LAURENT FRANTZ, Bureau file 100-20023. On 11/13/56 WHEELER advised that FRANTZ would be subpoenaed for an executive session of the HCUA to be held after the completion of the San Francisco hearing, however, if FRANTZ publicized the fact that he has been subpoenaed he will probably be called to testify at the public hearing scheduled for December 10 and 11, 1956.

The HCUA also plans to have FRANTZ testify at a hearing concerning the operations of the Fund For the Republic to be held back East possibly in Washington, D. C. at a later date.

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1- Bureau (100-41947)(ELSIE FOX)(AM)(REG)
1- Bureau (100-47675)(VICTOR ARNAUTOFF)(AM)(REG)
1- San Francisco (100-32752)(LAURENT FRANTZ)
1- San Francisco (100-20596)(ELSIE FOX)
1- San Francisco (100-6359) (VICTOR ARNAUTOFF)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)
FROM: SAC, SF (100-36985)
RE: PROPOSED HCUA HEARINGS
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In addition to the individuals named in SF let of 10/29/56, WHEELER advised that the following individuals will also be subpoenaed to appear at the San Francisco public hearing:

ELSIE FOX, Bureau file 100-41947, San Francisco file 100-20596. Bureau is referred to report of SA EDWARD C. RUDIGER, captioned ELSIE MARY FOX, nee GILLAND, dated 11/13/56 at San Francisco.

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, Bureau file 100-47675, San Francisco file 100-6359. Bureau is referred to report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER concerning this subject, dated 9/21/56 at San Francisco.

San Francisco will furnish additional information to the Bureau concerning the forthcoming hearings of the HCUA.

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FD-72 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	NOV 30 1956	11/27,28/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	jr
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. Caliber of Subject's work reportedly picked up from technical standpoint since interview by Stanford University Faculty. One informant's opinion Subject will be offered renewal of contract at Stanford University. Subject is member of "The Eleven Branch", CP and attended three meetings during 9/56 and 10/10/56, inclusive. Attended two regular and four Executive Board meetings RAS, Inc. and activities of DPW. Listed as instructor "The Graphic Arts Workshop", 271 Francisco St., SF, and as a sponsor of ACPFB.

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DETAILS:

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 3, 1956, advised SA DONALD L. COFFIN that the Subject continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The November, 1956 San Francisco Street Address Telephone Directory lists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF as residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and assigned telephone number PLaza 5-0472.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is associated with Stanford University, Stanford, California, on September 24, 1956, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE, that the matter of ARNAUTOFF's contract would be presented to the Academic Council of Stanford University within the next two weeks. SF T-2 reported that in order to terminate ARNAUTOFF's contract, it would be necessary that he be notified one year before his discharge and, therefore, this matter will come up for an immediate hearing.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is associated with Stanford University, on October 11, 1956, advised that those at Stanford University who have studied the case of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF are satisfied in their own minds that ARNAUTOFF is a communist, but they have no proof which can be used before the University Faculty Committee.

SF T-3 stated that since ARNAUTOFF was interviewed by the University Faculty Committee and by the President of the University, his caliber of work at the University has picked up from a technical standpoint.

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He said he had no complaints on ARNAUTOFF's work at the University from either a technical standpoint or that he was in any way attempting to inject his own philosophy and propaganda into his art classes.

SF T-3 further stated that ARNAUTOFF has no outside influence on the students because he lives in San Francisco and commutes to the classes and no students contact him at home or after hours.

In conclusion, SF T-3 indicated that it was his opinion that ARNAUTOFF would be offered a renewal of his contract at Stanford University.

Communist Party (CP), USA

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has reported that the Subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven Branch" of the CP of San Francisco and attended three such meetings during the period September, 1956 to and including October 10, 1956.

Russian American Society, Inc. (RAS)

The RAS, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-4 has reported that the Subject attended two regular and four Executive Board meetings of the RAS, Inc. during the period September 7, 1956 and October 12, 1956, inclusive.

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SF T-4 on September 19, 1956, advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on September 7, 1956, reported that General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF would deliver a lecture on October 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the RAS, Inc. and again announced the lecture at a meeting of the RAS on September 14, 1956. At the latter meeting ARNAUTOFF described the poor financial condition of the RAS and asked for donations.

The "Daily People's World", a West Coast communist newspaper in its issue of October 4, 1955, page 7, column 3, carried an item which described General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF as a former Czarist military attache in Tokyo, Japan and a member of the Russian Imperial General Staff in World War I. The article reflected that he has been a U. S. citizen since 1918 and according to the article, he is a sympathetic and painstaking student of the Soviet Union.

RUSSIA JAPAN CALL SPEAKER

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY INC.

Mr. HERBERT SIGRAND, Assistant Manager, Bellevue Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets, on September 21, 1956, advised SA ALBERT J. LAVERY that an individual who identified himself as VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had appeared at 2:30 p.m. on that day and made arrangements to hire the hotel auditorium for Saturday, October 6, 1956. ARNAUTOFF advised Mr. SIGRAND that he was reserving the space for the RAS of San Francisco, which organization planned to hold a program on October 6, 1956, to be attended by approximately 80-100 people. The principal speaker would be General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF.

SF T-4 on October 2, 1956, advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN that he had learned that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the RAS Executive Board meeting on September 21, 1956, had discussed the contemplated meeting at which General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF was to speak and the fact that the RAS Executive Board had decided to advertise the meeting as sponsored by the "Russian Committee of Friends of Peace."

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SF T-4 on October 31, 1956, reported to SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN that General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF had no official connection with the RAS, Inc.

SF T-1 on October 3, 1956, exhibited to SA DONALD L. COFFIN an invitation dated October 1, 1956, inviting the recipient to a dinner in honor of General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF to be given at the home of the ARNAUTOFFs, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, at 7:00 p.m., October 7, 1956. The invitation listed the dinner as being for the benefit of the RAS and requested the recipient to bring their friends. The cost of the dinner was listed at $1.50 per person.

SF T-4 on October 16, 1956, advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the October 12, 1956, meeting of the RAS, gave a report on the Suez situation, starting with the history of the building of the Canal and gradually led to the present day events. According to ARNAUTOFF, Egypt had a perfect right to take possession of the Canal and will hold it with the help of the Soviet Union.

SF T-4 on this date also advised that Subject had made a trip to the area of Kerman and Fresno, California and had contacted several farmers in order to obtain funds for the RAS. According to SF T-4, the persons contacted were unable to make any donations at the time, but promised to send a total of $50.00 at the earliest opportunity.

<u>California Labor School</u> (CLS)

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 22, 1956, furnished to SA FRANK S. PERRONE, a mimeograph leaflet reflecting "The Graphic Arts Workshop Announces a New Art Center, 271 Francisco Street", which leaflet listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as an instructor in the print workshop.

San Francisco T-6, San Francisco T-7, and San Francisco T-8, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, on September 18, 28; October 10, 1956, furnished copies of the above leaflet to SAs FRANK S. PERRONE, DIRCK A. MERRILL, and ROBERT R. BREWER, respectively.

SF T-8 advised that the Graphic Arts Workshop is reputed to be an adjunct of the CLS, and advised that the copy furnished by SF T-8 was obtained at the CLS, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 25, 1956, furnished SA HENRY D. GRUSH an undated letter on the stationery of the "ACPFB" which letterhead lists the officers and a partial list of sponsors. Among those listed under the partial list of sponsors is "Dr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF".

The above list is an appeal to end the system of Immigration and Naturalization Service Supervisory Parole by writing letters to the President protesting the treatment of the foreign born. In addition, an appeal for funds is made.

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Daily People's World (DPW)

The 4th report Un-American Activities in California for 1948, page 364, reflects the People's World is an official West Coast communist paper.

San Francisco T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 17, 1956, advised SA DIRCK A. MERRILL that the DPW bazaar was held on September 14-16, 1956 and that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had attended the bazaar on one of the above dates.

San Francisco T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA RONALD O. STAMP on September 18, 1956, that the DPW bazaar was held in the basement of the California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 14-16, 1956, to raise money for the DPW newspaper.

SF T-11 advised that he visited the bazaar on the evening of September 15, 1956, at which time he observed ARNAUTOFF among those at the bazaar. ARNAUTOFF

SF T-1 on September 5, 1956, furnished SA DONALD L. COFFIN an invitation which he had received to attend a "Trip to the Grand Canyon, artistically recorded on color slides and a running explanation to accompany the showing", to be held at VIC'S and LYDIA'S, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, at 8:00 p.m. on August 11 (1956). The party was to be given for the benefit of the Progressive Press. MR & MRS VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

SF T-1 reported that the above reference refers to VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF who reside at the above listed address.

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[redacted] reported that Subject at the meeting of the "Eleven Branch" of the CP on September 12, 1956, stated that it was his opinion that we (CP members) are wasting time working in the RAS. He stated that they could not do any political work in the RAS and believed they could spend their time more profitably working in some other mass organization.

ARNAUTOFF proposed that he should confer with party leadership and explain the situation and that the CP could make the decision, if we (CP members) should stay in the RAS or transfer to some other organization.

Informant reported that it was decided that ARNAUTOFF would contact OLETA YATES of the CP of San Francisco.

[redacted] advised that Subject at the meeting of the "Eleven Branch" of the CP on September 26, 1956, reported that OLETA YATES was out of the city and that he did not know when he would be able to discuss the above matter with her.

Exact dates of the CP meetings were not set out in this report in order to protect the informant, SF T-4.

All information reported by SF T-4 was obtained as a result of his attendance at CP and RAS meetings and the fact that SF T-4 is a member of the Executive Board of the RAS.

Information obtained from SF T-1, SF T-5 through SF T-9 was obtained as a result of receiving literature reflecting the information reported in the details of this report.

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SF T-10 and SF T-11 furnished the information appearing in this report due to the fact that each had observed the Subject in attendance at the DPW bazaar.

The Subject is an SI subject. His SI card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

Subject's photograph on file bears a good likeness.

Subject on January 21, 1953, declined to be interviewed when contacted by SAs WILLIAM B. DILLON and STANLEY F. FEWSTER. There is no indication that Subject has changed his point of view and would consent to an interview with Agents of the FBI.

Subject's case has been re-evaluated, it being determined that he meets the present criteria under the SI program.

SOURCES:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	File No. Where Located
SF T-1. [redacted]	8/11/56, Progressive Press benefit	[redacted]
	10/7/56, RAS benefit dinner	100-6359-1835
SF T-2. [redacted] Requested name be kept confidential.		100-6359-1814

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SF T-3, Dr. WALLACE STERLING, President of Stanford University. T symbol given due to position.	Info furnished SAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN	100-6359-1823
SF T-4. [redacted] (See page 10a)	Branch Eleven CP meeting 9/12/56 " " 9/26/56 " " 10/10/56	[redacted]
SF T-5. [redacted]		
In view of [redacted] past mental history, he constitutes a possible source of embarrassment to the Bureau. For this reason a T symbol was used.		
SF T-6, [redacted] Requested name be kept confidential.		[redacted]
SF T-7. [redacted]		
SF T-8. [redacted]		
SF T-9. [redacted]		100-6359-1A(39)
SF T-10. [redacted]		[redacted]
SF T-11. [redacted]		

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Will continue to closely follow the activities of the Subject through [redacted]

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 9/21/56, at San Francisco.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 1/7/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3728)

SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
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A highly confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past (documentation-anonymous), advised on 1/2/57, that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, was in contact with the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., in order that ARNAUTOFF might extend New Year's greetings to Ambassador ZAROUBIN on behalf of the Russian American Society.

For information. In the event of dissemination, use care to protect the sensitive source.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.

REPORT MADE BY: STANLEY F. FEWSTER

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Member of "The Eleven Branch," CP, and attended three meetings during October-November 21, 1956, inclusive, and one meeting, Inner Mission Section, CP, October 1956. Newspaper articles reflect ARNAUTOFF invoked Fifth Amendment when counsel confronted ARNAUTOFF with testimony identifying him as CP member in HUAC hearing 12/11/56. Subject to be afforded hearing 1/15/57, before Advisory Board of Academic Council, Stanford University. Attended two regular and three Executive Board meetings, RAS, Inc., of which he is member. Identified as RAS President during middle 1940s. Attended ARI-sponsored lecture 11/2/56, and attended social function of ALWLA 11/4/56, as guest.

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DETAILS:

Mrs. THERESE MISCHAK, 1871 Sweetwood Drive, Colma, California, a neighbor of Subject, on January 8, 1957, advised SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER that Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF continue to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

COMMUNIST PARTY, (CP), USA

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has reported that the Subject continues to be a member of "The Eleven Branch" of the CP of San Francisco, and attended three such meetings during the months of October-November 21, 1956, inclusive. Informant stated he also attended a meeting of the Inner Mission Section of the CP in October 1956.

Deputy United States Marshal JAMES EAGAN on December 3, 1956, advised Supervisor HARRY F. CLIFFORD that a subpoena had been received for VICTOR ARNAUTOFF to appear before the hearings of the HUAC in San Francisco, California, on December 10 and 11, 1956.

On December 4, 1956, Deputy Marshal EAGAN advised SA PETER J. HOPKINS that he had served the subpoena on VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on December 4, 1956.

The "San Francisco Examiner," a San Francisco daily newspaper, in its issue of December 12, 1956, page one, column one, and page 20, section one, columns 2, 3, 4 and 5, carried an article by "DAN FRISHMAN" regarding the House Un-American Activities Subcommittee hearing

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held December 11, 1956. This article reflects that, "ARNAUTOFF, a free lance artist from Colma, who was born in Russia but has been an American citizen since 1937, was told the committee plans to send his testimony on to the Justice Department for possible denaturalization proceedings. Once again testimony of previous witnesses claiming he was a communist and various items of printed matter showing activity in left wing affairs were mentioned and the witness refused to affirm or deny them."

The article also reflects, "The commiteee gave him, (ARNAUTOFF), its heaviest verbal raking for the 'Dick McSmear' lithograph cartoon which appeared briefly at the art show and then was withdrawn..... . He, (ARNAUTOFF), declined to say whether he was a communist when he made the lithograph, or whether it was made under direction of the communist conspiracy. Ex-FBI man VELDE commented again that he has previous experience with the artist's activities and 'he would do harm to this country if he had the chance.'"

The "Daily Peoples World" newspaper of December 24, 1956, page five, columns 1 and 2, carried an article entitled, "Is the brush a murderous tool?" This article reflects the following:

"My Fellow Citizens

"I was one of many San Francisco Bay Area citizens subpoenaed to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee. At the hearing on Dec. 11 I was confronted with a newspaper reproduction of my color lithograph, 'Dick McSmear,' which was displayed at and later ejected from the Art Festival of 1955.

"The Un-American Subcommittee knew very well that I had not committed any crime. After all, an artist has as much right

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to make a political cartoon as any other citizen has to express a political opinion or viewpoint.

"So what was the purpose of the Committee in reviving last year's sensation? As I see it now, there was a double purpose:

"First, to close the hearing in San Francisco with a propaganda bang, and second - to imply that the hand of the artist was directed by some sinister and secret force.

"To make the situation clear, I want to say now that nobody either commissioned me or suggested to me that I make the cartoon entitled, 'Dick McSmear.'

"I made it of my own free will, because I, like many other Americans, resent red-smear speeches and proceedings.

"Everyone has the right to agree or disagree with what an artist has to communicate, but no right to deny him the right to paint or draw according to his beliefs and convictions.

"Members of the Un-American Committee said I am a most dangerous man for the United States and threatened to suggest to the Justice Department that they start de-naturalization proceedings against me.

"Do they consider an artist's colors, brushes, crayons and pencils as murderous tools? If they do, it is a new low in right-wing thinking, and it is time for the American People - and especially for American artists - to be con-cerned with a threat that affects everyone as fully as it does me. I value my freedoms, and

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> I intend to defend my rights as a citizen and as an artist, and to express my belief in American principles in the future as I have in the past.
>
> /s/ Victor M. Arnautoff"

The Fourth Report, Un-American Activities in California, for 1948, page 364, reflects, "The Peoples World is an official West Coast communist paper."

The "Daily Palo Alto Times newspaper of December 12, 1956, carried an article captioned, "FACULTY MAN CALLED RED. DENATURALIZATION SOUGHT," with a subcaption, "University defers action on Arnautoff." This article reflects that, "Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, assistant art professor at Stanford for the past 18 years, yesterday was called a member of the Communist Party and recommended for denaturalization by a house subcommittee on un-American activities, according to the Associated Press. The committee, which completed a two-day hearing in San Francisco last night, recommended that the Department of Justice start denaturalization action against Arnautoff on the ground that he has been identified in testimony before the house committee as a Communist. He was one of six Californians the committee said were leaders of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, all of whom were also identified as Communist Party members.

"Arnautoff, who is on sabbatical leave from Stanford during the current year, was identified by the committee as an active sponsor of the foreign born group.

"A Stanford spokesman said today no immediate necessity for university action on the charges is seen by university authorities, since Arnautoff is in no contact with the school during his sabbatical leave. Any subsequent action, it was said, would await the return of Stanford's president, Dr. Wallace Sterling, who is now in the East.

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"The Stanford professor's cartoon of Vice President Nixon, masked and holding a pumpkin in one hand, a bucket of paint marked 'Smear' in the other and titled 'Dick McSmear,' figured largely in the hearing, and was entered as evidence.

"Arnautoff admitted he had made the picture but denied he was paid by the Communist party for painting it, and in an aside muttered: 'I still resent the pumpkin papers.'

Representative Gordon Scherer of the committee described the cartoon as expressing Arnautoff's and the Communist party's resentment of Nixon's leadership in uncovering the pumpkin papers and the Alger Hiss case.

"The painting was part of Arnautoff's entries in the San Francisco Art Festival of September 1955, under the auspices of the San Francisco Art Commission. The picture was withdrawn after the second day of the show, because of public protest.

"Arnautoff invoked the Fifth Amendment when Richard Arens, committee counsel, confronted him with testimony identifying him as a Communist party member eligible to attend cell meetings.

"Arens said Dorothy M. Jeffers so identified Arnautoff in January, 1956, testimony before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

"Arnautoff refused to say whether he attended a Dec. 8, 1956, meeting of the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, where his appearance was publicized in advance.

"Scherer proposed the denaturalization recommendation, with concurrence from Representative Harold Valde.

"Arnautoff was born in Russia in 1896 and came to the United States in 1925. He was naturalized in 1937.

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He was enrolled as a student at the California School of Fine Arts and taught at the school from 1932 to 1938, when he came to Stanford.

"He has painted several murals around San Francisco, notably at Coit Tower. His residence is at 1007 Washington St., Colma.

"Attempts by the Times to reach Professor Arnautoff failed today. His attorney, Norman Leonard, said the artist would be reluctant to comment on the hearing.

"'The only reason the committee called the professor,' said Leonard, 'was because, as their own exhibits showed, he had been, in his own small way, one of the persons who sought the revision of the Walters-McCarran Act.

"'That act,' continued Leonard, 'was passed by congress over the veto of President Truman, and revision of it is called for by President Eisenhower, as you know. It is part of the platform of both Republican and Democratic parties, as adopted at their last convention.'

"Leonard declared that the only crime Arnautoff is guilty of is the crime of exercising his constitutional right as an American citizen to urge the revision of a law which is universally regarded as the most unfair law on our statute books since the Alien and Sedition laws."

The "Daily Palo Alto Times" newspaper also carried an article on December 14, 1956, captioned, "Arnautoff comments on cartoon," which article is similar to that appearing in the newspaper article of December 12, 1956.

San Francisco T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is associated with Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, on January 11, 1957, advised SA FRED R. ELLEDGE that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would be afforded a hearing on January 15, 1957, at the university

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before the Advisory Board of Academic Council, at which time ARNAUTOFF would be questioned by the members of the faculty regarding his refusal to answer questions proposed to him by the HUAC and his reliance upon the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution on December 11, 1956.

SF T-2 stated that at this hearing before the Advisory Board, the Head of the Stanford Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, as well as the former Head of that organization, had requested permission to be in attendance.

SF T-2 explained that under the procedures of Stanford University, when in the course of a hearing before a Congressional Committee, if a member of the Stanford faculty avails himself of the Fifth Amendment, it is customary for the faculty member to be called before the Advisory Board and questioned by his colleagues regarding his actions.

SF T-2 related that the fact a member of the faculty avails himself of the Fifth Amendment during such a hearing, it would not automatically result in his dismissal; however, if the Advisory Board were to recommend dismissal, following the appearance of the professor in person before the Board, such recommendation would probably be followed.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC., (RAS)

SF T-1 has reported that the Subject attended two regular and three Executive Board meetings of the RAS during the period October 19, 1956, to November 30, 1956, inclusive.

Gave lecture sponsored by Russian American Society, Inc.

SF T-1 advised SA ORLAND E. FREEMAN, JR. on October 16, 1956, that ARNAUTOFF had attended the RAS-sponsored lecture by GENERAL VICTOR A. YAKHONTOFF entitled, "Problems of Disarmament," which lecture was held at the Bellevue Hotel, San Francisco, California, on October 6, 1956.

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The "Daily Peoples World," a West Coast communist newspaper, in its issue of October 4, 1955, page 7, column 3, carried an item which described General VICTOR YAKHONTOFF as a former Czarist military attache in Tokyo, Japan, and a member of the Russian Imperial General Staff in World War I. The article reflected that he has been a United States citizen since 1918 and, according to the article, he is a sympathetic and painstaking student of the Soviet Union.

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SF T-1 on November 15, 1956, advised SA FREEMAN that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, who is a member of the Executive Board of the RAS, Inc., attended a regular meeting of the organization on November 9, 1956, which was devoted to the celebration of the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution. SF T-1 reported that Subject congratulated all in attendance and stated that, notwithstanding all preventative measures by the capitalist world, the USSR is getting stronger and stronger and more prosperous daily.

SF T-1 advised SA FREEMAN on December 3, 1956, that the Subject, at the RAS, Inc. Executive Board meeting on November 16, 1956, read a letter from the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which announced that the organization's convention was to be held in Los Angeles, California, and requested donations and that a representative be sent to attend. SF T-1 advised that the Executive Board decided to donate $5.00 to the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mr. ALEX GORBENKO on November 28, 1956, advised SAS NORMAN FRYE and WAYNE K. WELCH that he had been a member of the RAS, Inc. for a period of about two or two and one-half years during the early and middle 1940s, and had served for a while on the Executive Board of the RAS.

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GORBENKO related that he became interested in RAS affairs because of their work in Russian War Relief during World War II, but that he noticed no communist influence or attitude at RAS affairs. He identified VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as being the President of the RAS during the period of his, (GORBENKO's), membership.

Mr. GORBENKO stated that he left the organization when the need for Russian war relief became less needy and due to his wife's illness, and also because of petty squabbles among the members. GORBENKO said he knew of no other activities of the RAS, other than war relief. He related that he was of the opinion that that was the only aim of the organization, at least during the early and middle 1940s.

The RAS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO, (ARI)

The ARI has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 8, 1956, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that ANNA LOUISE STRONG spoke at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, on November 2, 1956, the lecture being sponsored by the ARI. SF T-3 reported that the above lecture was advertised in the "Daily Peoples World," and that announcements were also sent through the mail regarding the lecture.

SF T-3 reported that ANNA LOUISE STRONG gave a brief history of the struggle in the world for a better life, and also the struggle in the Soviet Union to build socialism. According to SF T-3, she claimed that building of socialism is difficult because of obstructions and that

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a way must be found to have the United States and the USSR work together in friendship.

SF T-3 advised he attended the above lecture and observed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in attendance, but he had no knowledge if ARNAUTOFF attended in any official capacity in relation to the ARI.

San Francisco T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. on June 26, 1950, that ANNA LOUISE STRONG has been known as a "concealed communist." He defined concealed communist as one who does not hold himself out as a communist and who would deny CP membership.

AMERICAN LITHUANIAN WORKERS LITERARY ASSOCIATION, aka. Amerikos Lietuviu Darbininku Literaturos Draugija, (ALWLA)

The ALWLA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-3, who is a member of the ALWLA, on November 8, 1956, advised SA HENRY D. GRUSH that Branch 198 and Branch 153 of the ALWLA held a joint social function on November 4, 1956, at 630 Hamilton Street, San Francisco, California, proceeds from which were to be divided equally between the Northern California Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born and the Lithuanian Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born in Chicago. SF T-3 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the above social as a visitor.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 1, 1956, advised SA WILBERT H. KEHE that V. M. ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, received the "Daily Peoples World."

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SA HENRY D. GRUSH on November 30, 1956, obtained a program of "The Art Commission of the City and County of San Francisco," which was presenting " The 10th Annual Art Festival" at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium and was being held from November 29 to December 2, 1956.

The above program reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was exhibiting under the "Graphic Arts Workshop."

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 13, 1955, that the draft report on "Defense of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born," delivered at the National Conference of Defense Committees held under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) on June 10-12, 1955, at 85 East Fourth Street, New York City, stated in part "....The very fact that local committees have been set up to take care of the hundreds of cases that have developed in the past nine years, resulted from the work we have carried on for the organization of these committees. It would have been impossible for us to carry the tremendous burden without the organizations that exist today and cooperate with us. And while they operate independently, setting their own policies and campaigns, they have been and still are, a part of that movement which has initiated and stimulated by the American Committee. "

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The exact dates of CP meetings were not set out in this report, in order to protect the Informant, SF T-1. SF T-1 is a member of "The Eleven Branch," CP, and is a member of the Executive Board of the RAS, Inc. All information furnished by SF T-1 was obtained as a result of his attendance at CP and RAS meetings.

Information reported by SF T-3 was obtained as a result of his attendance at the ANNA LOUISE STRONG lecture, November 2, 1956, and his attendance at the ALWLA social on November 4, 1956.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is an SI Subject. His SI card on file has been reviewed and is current and correct.

Subject's photograph on file bears a good likeness.

Subject on January 21, 1953, declined to be interviewed when contacted by SAS WILLIAM B. DILLON and STANLEY F. FEWSTER. There is no indication that the Subject has changed his point of view and would consent to an interview with Agents of the FBI.

Subject's case has been re-evaluated, it being determined that he meets the present criteria under the SI program.

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RAS Executive Board Meeting 10/19/56

RAS meeting 10/26/56

RAS meeting 11/9/56

RAS Executive Board Meeting 11/16/56

RAS Executive Board Meeting 11/30/56

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Branch Eleven CP Meeting 10/24/56

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Branch Eleven CP
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ANNA LOUISE STRONG
Lecture 11/2/56

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SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. NY File 62-8988

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to closely follow the activities of the Subject through [redacted], and report the results of the HUAC hearing conducted at San Francisco on December 11, 1956, regarding the Subject. Will also report the results of the January 15, 1957, Stanford University hearing.

REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated November 30, 1956, at San Francisco.

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